

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Eden Puts The
Record Straight

IF Sir Anthony Eden has felt any worry about the recent attacks levelled against him in sections of the English Press, he certainly gave no sign of it when he delivered a major policy speech at Bradford on Wednesday. Vigorous and forthright in content, and confident in tone, it must have acted like a cold slap across the face to those of his critics who have been suggesting that the Prime Minister had reached the final stages of political senility.

In fact, it is now being freely acknowledged that the criticism directed against Sir Anthony, particularly from some of his supporters, was not only ill-timed, but unjustified. Some of it was possibly motivated by disappointment over his Cabinet changes, but its net effect has been, not to discredit the Prime Minister, but to give a false impression of government weakness and party disunity.

Characteristically, Sir Anthony replied to his detractors briefly but decisively, and concentrated a large part of his speech on foreign affairs. His exposition of the "deterrent policy" did more than anything else to set the record straight on Anglo-American relations and understanding on major international problems. It was a splendid curtain-raiser for his forthcoming talks with President Eisenhower and Mr Dulles.

ON Britain's economic situation and future, the Prime Minister appeared to be on less certain ground. His claim that the battle against inflation was over, was followed by the observation: "What is tantalising is that if our balance of payments could be put right and our reserves built up, there is hardly any limit to our future." Something of the same thing has been said by other post-war British statesmen, but the solution to the problem seems to be as far off as ever.

Whether the battle against inflation has really been won is still open to demonstration. Undoubtedly the Autumn disinflationary budget has achieved its initial objectives. But the government's ability to resist mass wage claims by the workers has still to be tested. The unions have not yet applied full pressure, but it is clear they are preparing for a showdown on this issue.

DAY-LONG
VIOLENCE

Chinese Egg Albumen
Infected With Poison

London, Jan. 20.
Three leading Liverpool doctors reported today that 13.6 per cent of Chinese egg albumen imports which they had sampled were infected with food poisoning.

The doctors, writing in the British medical review The Lancet, tested samples from the cargoes of seven ships which docked at Liverpool since July, 1955.

A total of 1,625 samples of the egg albumen were taken and 226 were found to be infected. In one shipment the contamination was as high as 47.1 per cent. No para-tubercular germs had been isolated in the Liverpool series, the article said.

The doctors stated that 350 tons of Chinese egg albumen was imported in 1954 and extensively used in the bakery and confectionary trades.

They suggested that all imports of the albumen should be powdered and heat-treated on arrival in Britain, and added that steps should be taken to make their suggestion obligatory.—Reuter.

MARGARET LUNCHES WITH
CLERGYMAN FRIEND

Cambridge, Jan. 19.
Princess Margaret and the Queen Mother, on a private visit to Cambridge yesterday, had lunch with the Reverend Simon Phipps, a frequent escort of the Princess.

Mr Phipps, 33 tall and good-looking, is chaplain of Trinity College, Cambridge.

He has been a friend of 26-year-old Margaret since their childhood days when his father was a gentleman farmer at the court of the late King George VI.

Less than two weeks ago the Princess attended a Twelfth Night gala at the Saddlers Wells theatre with Mr Phipps.

He shares her love of the theatre and entertainment world, and in his university days wrote songs and skits for the annual Cambridge revue and the West End revue "Penny Plain".

Several years ago, when Mr Phipps was an assistant curate in Huddersfield, he invited Princess Margaret to open a church dance which was being held to raise money for a new roof. She promptly accepted the invitation and planned to make the long journey north when moving for Queen Mary, her grandmother, made it necessary to cancel the trip.

WAR RECORD

Mr Phipps attended Eden and Trinity College, Cambridge. He left Trinity to serve in the Coldstream Guards during the war. He was twice wounded, won the Military Cross and left as a Major.

He took holy orders in 1951. Before Margaret and the Queen Mother visited Mr Phipps, they called at a Cambridge antique shop where the Queen Mother often shops. They bought muff boxes and Georgian silverware.

The Princess and her mother are still on holiday with other members of the royal family at Sandringham, the Queen's country home in Norfolk.—Reuter.

ROYAL FAMILY AND
THE PEOPLE

London, Jan. 19.
An unofficial Church of England newspaper tonight criticised British Royalty and the British attitude toward it as "not only foolish but wrong".

The publication, Church of England Newspaper, cited the abdication of King Edward VIII and the romance of Princess Margaret with Peter Townsend as evidence that the Crown's relationship to the people "could be made a little more realistic".

"It is not only foolish, but becomes wrong," said the paper, "when one family is so separated from the people that no member of it can behave as other decent people would without shaking the nation to the depths."

"Princess Margaret's romance only arose at all because her position is partly artificial. This is not just that the circle of acquaintances from which Royalty can choose intimate friends is limited, and that etiquette raises barriers to true

IN BOMBAY
Casualties
Mounting

Bombay, Jan. 19.

Police were forced to open fire repeatedly in the fourth day of violent demonstrations here today, killing at least eleven people.

The riots against government proposals to put the city under central government administration have so far cost an estimated 35 lives and about 500 other casualties.

An armoury at a central Bombay police station was attacked by 150 rioters who were beaten off by police firing.

The rioters went on to attack police quarters in East Bombay. They were again fought off.

Today's troubles spread to new areas—though not on a large scale—and affected South Bombay and Thana 20 miles to the north.

Demonstrators want Bombay to be incorporated in a Marathi speaking state of Maharashtra. Disorders began when the government's decision on reorganising boundaries was announced earlier this week.

Thirty-five people are estimated to have been killed in the past four days.

BURN DOWN SHOPS

More than a score of shops were burned down or looted. About 20 police kiosks and more than 50 buses and cars were set on fire or wrecked.

The rioters destroyed anything that they could get hold of including five hydrants and lamp posts.

A police superintendent was injured in a home-made bomb attack but police said earlier reports that a policeman had been killed was a mistake due to the "confusion".

Within five hours of the curfew being lifted after yesterday's riots it had to be reimposed in some areas.

Observers were speculating on the possible "direction" of rioters in view of continued defiance of the police in the industrial north of Bombay.

Mr Kotarji Desai, Chief Minister of Bombay State, held urgent talks on the situation with police and government officials.

POLICE TRAPPED

In one part of the city police reinforcements arrived just in time to save some of their colleagues trapped in a police station by a mob.

Elsewhere a car was stopped opposite a police station and some of the passengers knifed.

Jewellery and clothing shops were among the favourite targets of looters. One rioter was killed by police as he tried to assault a shopkeeper.

Bus and tram services were restricted to the safe areas of the city—the northern and southern suburbs—which were isolated from each other.

In three of the industrial areas the curfew was extended to 24 hours a day but many demonstrators ignored the orders to stay indoors.—Reuter.

Union Leader's
Warning

Sydney, Jan. 20.

Mr Albert Monk, President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, said tonight that if the dispute between the Waterside Workers Federation and shipowners was not settled by arbitration in court today, Australia's biggest industrial upheaval since the war would begin next Monday.

The Federation has threatened to strike at midnight on Sunday in Australia's 53 ports unless its demands for increased wages and improved working conditions are met.

Secret talks to avert the strike have failed, Mr Monk said earlier yesterday.

He declared: "We will be guided by developments. We feel the waterside workers have just claims and are entitled to receive more than they were offered by the shipowners." —China Mail Special.

Scientists Probing Secret For
Producing Unlimited Food

London, Jan. 19.

British scientists have found the key to one of the locks that bar the way to unlimited food for the world's overpopulated and underdeveloped areas.

They have discovered some vital facts about photosynthesis—the process which enables plants to turn water and carbon dioxide into edible sugar and starches.

Until recently, scientists had great difficulty in tracking down this magic process and in explaining it in terms of the laws of chemistry.

Now they know that it does work in accordance with the ordinary laws. And that means that in principle they know it is possible to fabricate the process so that food can be produced anywhere at any time and in any quantity so long as there is water, carbon dioxide and a source of energy.

At least 20 top flight scientists in various parts of the country are at work on the vital problem, and though they are still a long way from finding all the answers, there is now little doubt that they will one day succeed.

Basically photosynthesis works by what the scientists call "inductive resonance."

Tiny objects in the plant called chloroplasts take the energy from light and "stabilise" it by changing the molecules which make up the water and the carbon dioxide. Each molecule vibrates in an electric field and the energy from light alters that field.

The chloroplasts act as "controls" so that the energy is transferred in the right way to produce food.

If science can repeat the process artificially it may be able to improve upon it—by making more efficient chloroplasts and by altering the light.—London Express Service.

Israel's Appeal

London, Jan. 19.

Israel urgently appealed to Britain tonight for "an adequate supply of defence arms." Israel rejected in advance any "imposed solution" of her conflict with the Arab states.

The appeal came from Ambassador Eliahu Elath in a one-hour talk with British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd.

United Press.

Romance In Perspective

Tomorrow the China Mail presents the romance of screen star Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier of Monaco from two angles—Jeffrey Blyth tells you of the fairytale of sun and flowers awaiting its Hollywood prince, and Giles adds a specially big comment in his own inimitable style.

Don't miss this new instalment of a story which the whole world is talking about.

These are only two of the many topical features in tomorrow's big week-end edition of the China Mail. Watch out for these highlights as well:

★ A special festival opens in Salzburg tomorrow to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Mozart's birth.

★ Thomas Wiseman speaks to the Sphinx in "Stacks in 'Nobody asks Miss Hepburn to dinner'."

★ Peter Hedley goes to Belgium to investigate reported shipments of tanks to Egypt and uncovers some surprising facts.

There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts' reviews of the latest films, three pages of local and overseas pictures, model sections for women, children and sportsmen, cartoons, comic strips, puzzles—something for everyone in the Saturday Mail.

NOT ALLOWED
TO GO TO US

Capetown, Jan. 20.

A 16-year-old African schoolboy Stephen Ramasodi, has been refused a passport to study in the United States because the South African Government will not allow a young Native to go to a country which practices racial equality.

So said the Minister of Native Affairs, Dr Verwoerd, here yesterday. He added that when Ramasodi returned in 10 or 12 years, he would be "frustrated and unhappy" in South Africa.

Ramasodi had been offered a scholarship to study at the exclusive Kent School in the United States—where many boys are the sons of millionaires.

Dr Verwoerd asked whether the United States would allow young students to study in a country whose policies differed radically from its own.

Would the United States allow young students to take up bursaries offered by the Soviet Union? he asked.—France-Press.

The Signs Are Ike
Won't Run Again
For The Presidency

Washington, Jan. 19.

President Eisenhower's statements today at his first full-scale press conference since his heart attack were widely interpreted by political correspondents as indicating that he was moving towards a decision not to stand for re-election for another four-year term.

The President himself gave a quick "no" when he was asked whether earlier statements justified the conclusion that he had reached a "tentative decision" on this subject.

But the emphasis in his carefully drafted opening statement, as well as in his remarks, was almost entirely on the reasons against standing for re-election, with little or no reference to the alternative.

What today profoundly discouraged many who would like to see the President lead his party to victory in the Presidential elections next November was Mr Eisenhower's statement

that his health could not be "wholly restored."

They also noted that his doctors reported him progressing only towards a "reasonable" level of strength.

The President survived without visible physical strain the half-hour ordeal of discussing his personal health in an overcrowded, overheated and overlit chamber before nearly 300 reporters and before a battery of television cameras.

His hand was without tremor when he held up before him his opening statement printed in unusually large type on unusually thick paper. He still had a sun-tan from his recent vacation in Florida. He frequently laughed gently. He stood throughout and did not attempt to use the armchair at his press conference desk.

But both his step and his voice lacked the vigour and snap which characterised him on such occasions before his illness and a gentleness of voice, a mildness of manner and slight mistiness of the eyes reflected what he has been through in recent months.

Anxious correspondents become silent when a New England woman reporter, famous for ruthless cross-examination of three presidents, seemed about to clash with him in argument about the behaviour of his personal physician on the night of his heart attack, and the fact that his attack was kept secret for some ten hours after its occurrence.

But the President turned the question politely aside.—China Mail Special.

Reds Shell
Quemoy

Taipei, Jan. 19.

Three civilians were killed and 34 houses destroyed today when Chinese batteries on Amoy and nearby islands bombarded the Nationalist-held Quemoy island group off the mainland, the Chinese Nationalist Defence Ministry announced.

Shelling lasted for over seven hours. It stopped when Nationalist batteries returned the fire with equal force, the Ministry said.

The shelling was the heaviest since the "war pocket" in the Formosa Strait broke out in September, 1954.—Reuter.



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Silence Maintained On Bulganin's Health

Moscow, Jan. 19.
A Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman today again evaded questions about the health of Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Prime Minister, who has not been seen in public since January 2.

The spokesman, Mr Leonid Ilyichov, refused to answer a similar question four days ago.

Mr Ilyichov was asked at a press conference if he could report on the state of negotiation for the restoration of diplomatic relations between Russia and Australia.

He smiled and replied: "I don't know." Then he added: "No comment."

Diplomatic sources here said Russia is interested in restoring diplomatic relations with Australia before the Olympic Games in Melbourne next November.

Russia closed down her Embassy in Canberra and ordered the Australian mission out of Moscow in April, 1954 after Vladimir Petrov, an official of the Soviet Embassy, defected with information which touched on a spy inquiry in Australia.—Reuter.

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RADFORD NOT EXPECTING ATTACK ON QUEMOY

Washington, Jan. 19.

Admiral Arthur Radford, Chairman of the United States Chiefs-of-Staff, said today that he did not have the impression that a Communist attack against the islands of Quemoy and Matsu, held by Nationalist China, was imminent.

He was speaking to reporters on arrival back here after a 25,000-mile inspection tour in the Far East, including Formosa, South Korea and Japan.



Admiral Radford

Adenauer Accused Of Being Undemocratic

Bonn, Jan. 19.

The West German Refugee Party (Opposition) today charged Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, with being "undemocratic" and moving towards a "pseudo-parliamentary authoritarian state."

Herr Hans Egon Engel, Refugee spokesman on this issue, accused the Chancellor of this in the Bundestag (lower house) today when he repeated his party's request for the dismissal of two former Refugee Party members who remained in Dr. Adenauer's Cabinet when their party left the government last summer.

Herr Engel accused Dr. Adenauer of keeping the two Ministers as vote catchers for next year's elections and added: "We seem to be heading for an era in which besides the Social Democratic opposition only small satellites of the Christian Democratic Party will be tolerated."

All But Name

Dr. Max Becker also intervened in the debate for the Free Democrats' government coalition partners who consider that the two former Refugee Ministers have become members of Dr. Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party in all but name—and so reduced the relative strength of the Free Democrats in the Cabinet.

He said it was a matter of "good faith" that the coalition parties should discuss the future of the two Ministers, Herr Adenauer, Kraft, Minister without portfolio and Professor Theodor Oberlander, Minister for Refugee Affairs.—Reuter.

Slot-Machine Guide To Tourists

Geneva, Jan. 19.

The Geneva Tourist Office has installed a slot-machine street directory for visitors in front of the main railway station.

The tourist finds the street he is looking for on a large board, and, noting the number listed beside it, finds the compartment bearing the same number in the slot machine. By putting in 10 centimes, he can withdraw a map giving the locality of the street for which he is searching.

The map shows the street numbers, all bus and tram routes serving the area and all the main transport stops so that the tourist can see exactly where to get off the bus.

All maps are printed in English, French and German.—China Mail Special.

Questioned about the international situation, Admiral Radford said the Communists' aggressive attitude had caused tension more or less all over the world.

Building Aerodromes

Asked in what part of the globe the biggest threat to peace lay, he replied that the Middle Eastern situation was a little tense than in the past, but that a change could easily come about in that area.

In reply to further questions about Peking's military build-up on the mainland opposite Formosa, Admiral Radford recalled that the Chinese Air Force was building aerodromes along the coast and making other preparations. But, he pointed out, these steps could be either "defensive or offensive."

Referring to statements by General Matthew Ridgway, former US Army Chief-of-Staff, in an American magazine, criticising President Eisenhower's views on national defence, Admiral Radford said that "everybody has the right to be critical."

Passed By Aides

He reminded the reporters that General Ridgway's article was submitted to Adm. Radford's own office some months before publication, and was passed for publication by the Admiral's aides.—France-Press.

Commonwealth Defence Committee Meeting

London, Jan. 19.

A meeting of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Defence Science is being held in Canada from February 6 to 23, 1956. It will be attended by senior defence scientists of Commonwealth countries and by senior officers of the three armed services.

The United Kingdom delegation will be led by Sir Frederick Brundell, scientific adviser to the Ministry of Defence, and Chairman of the Defence Research Policy Committee, and will include Lieutenant-General Sir Dudley Ward, deputy chief of the Imperial General Staff.

The Object

The object of the Committee is to promote collaboration throughout the Commonwealth in the application of science to military affairs. The conference will give leading scientists and military representatives of the Commonwealth defence organisations an opportunity to meet and exchange views on matters of current importance.

During the conference, an opportunity will be given to the delegates to visit Canadian research establishments. The last meeting of the conference was held in March, 1953, in New Delhi.—France-Press.

Shape Treated With Wax



British starlet Doreen Dawne is shown getting rid of that excess pouzage the easy, relaxing way. Picture was taken in a neotherapy clinic, where Doreen was sprayed with 30 lbs. of wax that had been heated to 180 degrees. The treatment is said to be just the job for getting rid both of fat and rheumatic pains. Still, from what we can see of Doreen, her shape looks pretty good as it is.—Express Photo.

Sudan Admitted To Arab League

Cairo, Jan. 19.

The Sudan which became an independent sovereign republic on January 1 was today admitted to the Arab League as ninth member.

Her blue, green and yellow flag was hoisted alongside the others over the floodlit League headquarters here today after her application had been approved by the League Council.

The application declared the Sudan was an Arab country which has invariably shared in the sentiments and outlook of sister Arab states.

"The aims of the League of Arab states as declared in its charter are identical with those of the Sudanese people and government."

Deplored Differences

In submitting the application, the Sudanese Foreign Minister, Sayed Mubarak Zarrouk, said in a cable that the Sudan deplored differences within the League and would do all in her power to put an end to disputes between Arab states.

The other members of the League are Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Libya. They are bound by a military alliance—the Arab Collective Security Pact.—Reuter.

Schoolgirls 'Senile At 20'

Capetown, Jan. 19.

The principal of a Capetown school, Miss T. Tyfield, warned girls at the school prize-giving that some of them were living lives that would bring them to a state of senile decay before they turned 20.

She criticised the use of lipstick by girls in their early teens and the behaviour of girls who spent the greater part of their lives at cinemas and parties.—China Mail Special.

Road-making Experiment With Salt

Melbourne, Jan. 19.

An Australian road-making company will shortly experiment with common salt as a means of stabilising road surfaces.

The experiment will be made at Geelong, a port town several miles from here, where another company produces salt by seawater evaporation on a large scale.

Geelong city engineer, Mr. I. D. McDonald, said that salt in crystal or solution was mixed with earth forming a road before it was sealed. The capillary action of salt ensured moisture beneath the road seal minimising crumbling of the formation under traffic loads.—China Mail Special.

Lisbon, Jan. 19.

A 13-year-old boy with a passion for swings died at Couto de Baixo because he made one himself.

While he was playing with it, the rope became twisted round his neck and hanged him.—China Mail Special.

Moscow, Jan. 19.

Russia today announced she had agreed to establish diplomatic relations and exchange envoys with the rank of ambassador with Liberia.—Reuter.

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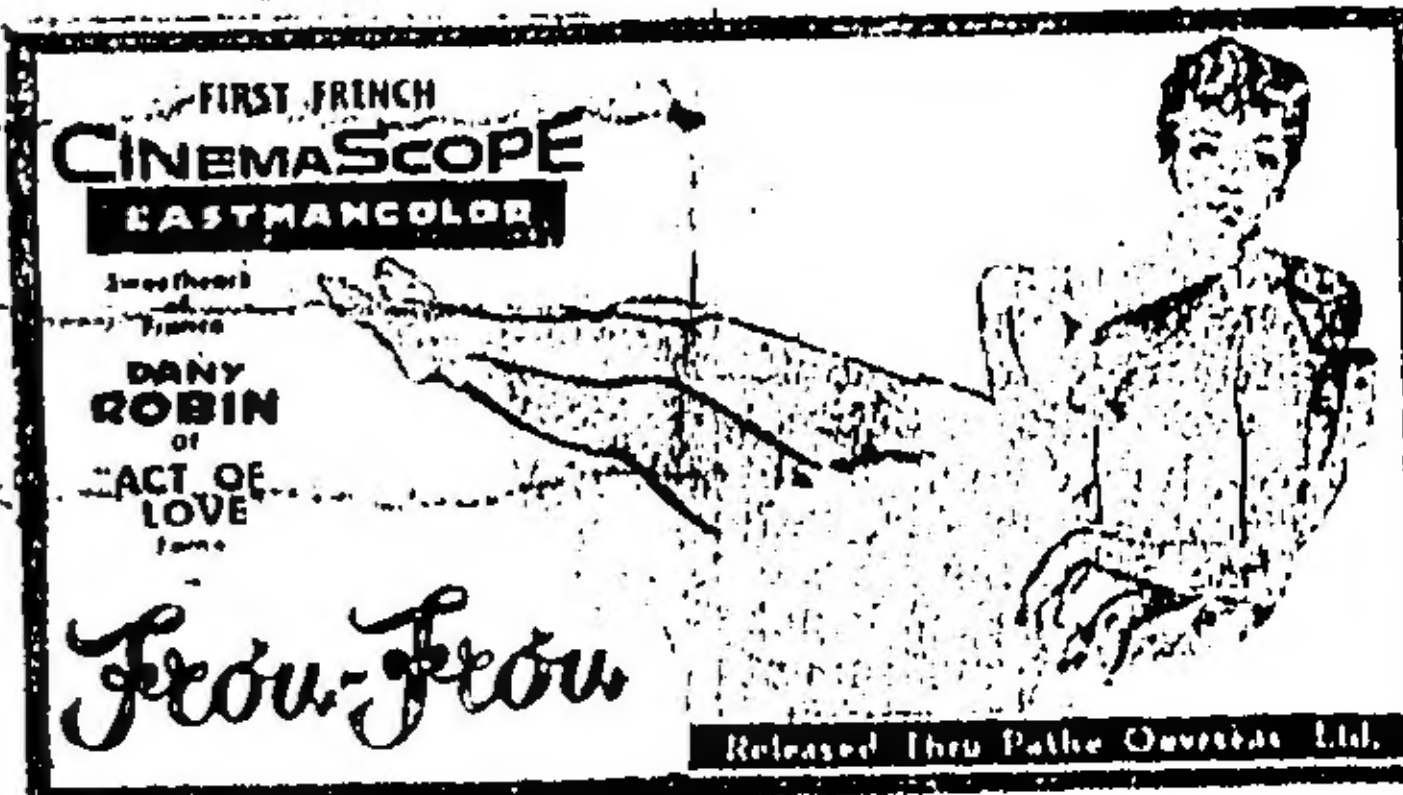
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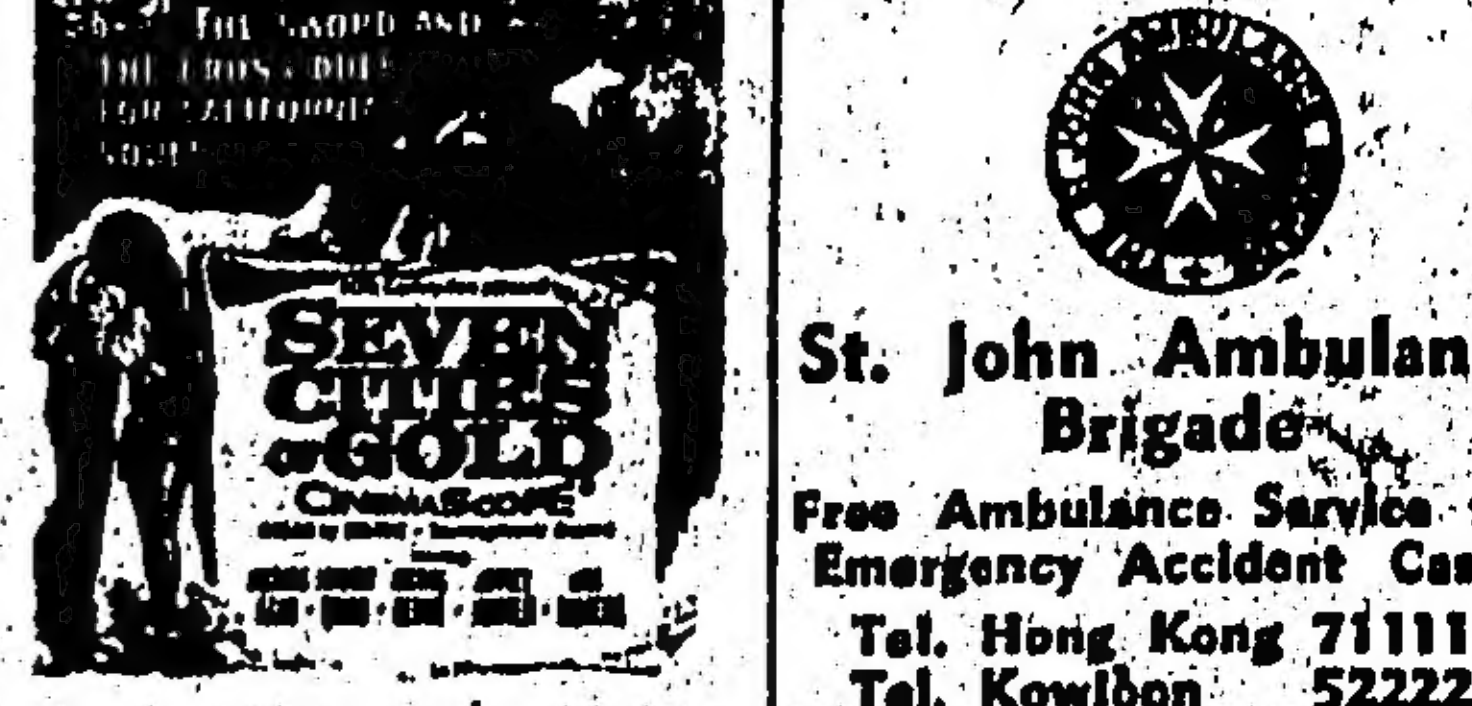
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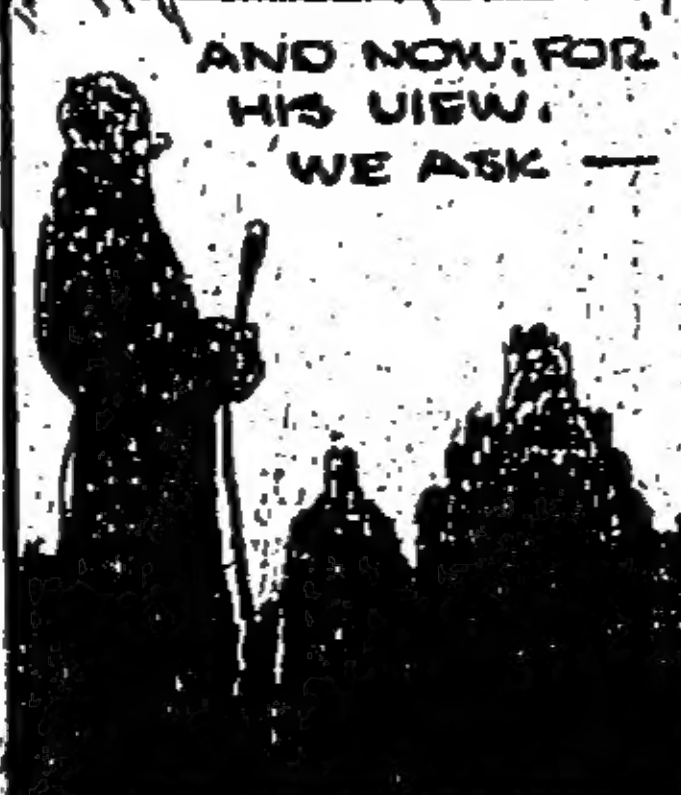
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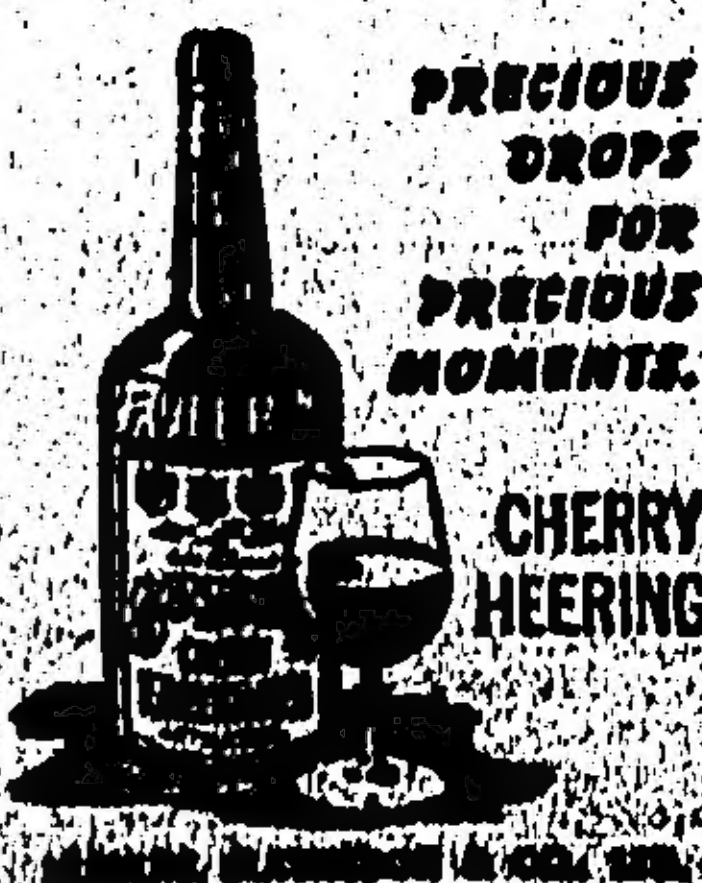
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Eastern Prices Near Lancashire

Manchester, Jan. 19. THE position of imports into Britain of yarn and piece goods from Eastern countries had seen a "remarkable change" in the past two months the chairman of the Lancashire Cotton Corporation, Mr. Oger Lee, said today.

Speaking at the firm's annual meeting he said that during the past two months the price of many qualities quoted by low wage countries was approximately the same as the price of Lancashire cloth.

No Guarantee

"There is no guarantee that this state of affairs will last and therefore the industry continued to make representations to the government that they should assist the industry by limiting the imports of yarn and piece goods into this country," he said.

"There is no indication that the government propose to take action and the only course open to us as a firm is to try and combat this competition by raising the efficiency of the mills to the maximum."—Reuter.

FURTHER RIOTING IN ALGERIA

Oran, Jan. 19. A curfew was clamped on the town of Tlemcen today by the Prefect of Oran, after rioting had broken out.

The rioting started when demonstrators gathered at the town's main cemetery for the funeral of a local leader, Dr. Benzerjeb, who was killed on Tuesday.

The authorities postponed the funeral and the army moved to the town's main cemetery to guard the area. The owner of the house fired upon the demonstrators and fatally injured one of them.

Car Attacked

An automobile occupied by five French soldiers was attacked by an outlaw band near Tlemcen. Two of the passengers were injured. The driver was also injured but there were no casualties.

Three Algerian outlaws were killed today as a result of operations of French security forces. Several members of the security forces were injured.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS: 1 Monkeys (4); 4 Bounty (7); 8 Sign (4); 9 Bustle (4); 10 Business records (7); 11 Apartment (4); 12 Unaccompanied (4); 14 Nourish (7); 17 Buffoon (6); 18 Paces (6); 22 Withdraw (7); 23 Mine entrance (4); 27 Actual (4); 28 Stronghold (7); 29 Periods (4); 30 Dash (4); 31 Plague (7); 32 Rule (4).
- DOWN: 2 Motor Spirit (6); 3 Grief (6); 4 Fruit (5); 5 Prejudice against (6); 6 Haggard (6); 7 Perpendicular (5); 12 Blunder (4); 13 Plunder (4); 15 Accustomed (4); 16 Orient (4); 18 Gallop (6); 20 Special aptitude (6); 21 Freebooter (6); 23 Blunder (4); 24 Chess (6); 25 Relates (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Remiss; 2 Mischief; 3 Tolerant; 4 Signal; 5 Ruled; 11 Basil; 12 Coze; 13 Satisfy; 16 Delicate; 18 Needed; 20 Spent; 22 Mace; 23 Tunes; 25 Fairs; 26 Earned; 27 Either; 28 Shook; 29 Sledge; 30 Sledge; 31 Restores; 32 Magazine; 33 Stab; 34 Solaced; 35 Mortified; 36 Annihilated; 37 Cryan; 38 Retained; 39 Subsidies; 40 Detested; 41 Lamented; 42 Tattered; 43 Cleared; 44 Easy.

SEARCH INTENSIFIES IN FRENCH ASSEMBLY LOBBIES

By Harold King

Paris, Jan. 19.

The new French National Assembly was officially inaugurated today but its real work will probably only start next Monday when special commissions will have validated the elections of at least half the members.

Meanwhile the unofficial search for the next government continued with increased intensity in the smoking rooms and lobbies of the Assembly building.

There were many unofficial talks between groups of Socialists and Popular Republicans which were believed to be preparing the way for a mutual reconciliation. During the elections the Popular Republicans allied with the right while the Socialists joined the Radicals of former Premier Pierre Mendes-France in a bitter campaign against the outgoing government parties.

Have Refused

As neither group has an independent majority some kind of agreement between the two sides will have to be arrived at unless there is to be a complete hold-up in the government of the country.

The Conservatives led by M. Antoine Pinay are in favour of a national union cabinet in which Socialists, Conservatives, Popular Republicans and Radicals would all be represented on the basis of a sort of bipartisanship policy for Algeria and for social and economic developments.

But the leaders of the Republican Front alliance, the Socialist M. Guy Mollet and M. Mendes-France, have so far refused to entertain such an arrangement. They stand for a government of Socialists and Radicals kept in office by the votes of other parties.

Their theory is that the parties represented in the outgoing government of M. Edgar Faure were re-elected by voters and must therefore now take up power.

Too Fresh

The government parties have about 200 right constituents in this Assembly against the Republican Front alliance of 100 and does not accept the argument of M. Mollet and M. Mendes-France that it would be welded by the smaller rather than larger groups.

But they nevertheless seemed willing to allow this theory to be put into practice at the present moment and for a short time.

The bitterness of the election campaign, they think, is still too fresh for a practical reconciliation between the moderate right and the moderate left to be made immediately.

The Socialist leader M. Mollet therefore still remains tonight the favourite candidate for the next premiership. If he should form the next government it is believed that M. Mendes-France would become master of all the ministries dealing with the economic and industrial life of the country, including, of course, the Ministry of Finance.

M. Mendes-France is a convinced new dealer but he is orthodox about currency matters and his presence at the Ministry of Finance would be more reassuring to investors than that of an orthodox Socialist.

Foreign Minister

M. Mollet's Foreign Minister would probably be M. Christian Pineau, who was one of the men who unsuccessfully tried to form a government in succession to that of M. Mendes-France a year ago.

M. Pineau is credited with being resolutely anti-Communist. He is strongly in favour of a united Europe and is one of the Socialists who voted in favour of the ill-fated European army scheme.

M. Edouard Daladier, Premier of France at the outbreak of the Second World War, was today elected chairman of the Radical group in the Assembly by 33 votes against 20.

Not United

M. Daladier is a supporter of M. Mendes-France while M. Tony Revillon, who got the 20 votes, is an opponent of M. Mendes-France inside the Radical Party.

These figures seemed to justify those who claim that M. Mendes-France does not have a united Radical Party behind him despite having expelled from the party a number of his best known opponents, including M. Faure.—Reuter.

Partner To Famous Bust Unearthed

Madrid, Jan. 19. A bust which resembles that of the famous "Lady of Elche", now in the Prado Museum here, has been discovered at Gerona, northern Spain.

The Provincial Commissioner for Excavations, Senor Miguel Oliva, said: "We have made an archaeological discovery of transcendent importance. This bust is similar to the famous Lady of Elche bust, and it confirms the influence of Greek art over Iberian art. The plinth bears Iberian and Greek characters."

Opinions differ over whether it is the work of a Spanish sculptor under the influence of Greek art, or of a Greek sculptor.

The bust was displayed in the Louvre museum in Paris for many years, and was returned to Spain in 1940 by Marshal Franco, who has been anxious to see the National Museum complete its collection of Greek and Roman art.

Trade negotiations were broken off about 10 months ago when Denmark refused Soviet demands for the full release of Danish ships.

EAST BERLIN ANTI-NATO PARADE



Demonstrations against the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and "militarism" were held last week in East Berlin. The picture shows a group taking part in a protest march on the Stalinallee, carrying machine guns and a banner which reads: "We fight for what we have built."—Express Photo.

Billion Yen Budget For Japan

Tokyo, Jan. 19. THE Cabinet and the government party near agreement today on a one billion yen national budget that will increase Japan's military defence force to nearly a quarter-million men.

Cabinet Ministers already have agreed to ask the Diet for 1,035,000,000 yen (about US\$270,000,000) for national expenditure in the fiscal year starting April 1. But negotiations were still in progress tonight between Ministers and leaders of the Conservative government's Liberal-Democratic Party over minor readjustments within Japan's second billion-yen budget.

Almost certain to be unchanged in last-minute juggling is the defence budget of 100,000,000 yen (about US\$27,000,000). This figure was agreed to in talks between Japan and the United States, which is sharing Japan's defence burden through military aid and US security forces based in Japan.

Ten Per Cent

Japan's defence budget is nearly 10 per cent of the total expenditure the Diet will be asked to approve, compared with 64 per cent for military spending in the US budget now before the Congress.

Japan's military budget calls for increasing the nation's air, ground and sea defence forces by 17,000 men to a total of 215,000 men by the end of March 1957. This and other recommended military spending nearly reaches the second-year recommendations in the planned six-year build-up of Japan's defence forces.

The long-range build-up is intended to relieve the US, except possibly its bomber force, from stationing American troops in Japan.—United Press.

Danish Premier To Visit Moscow

Copenhagen, Jan. 19. Mr. Hans Christian Hansen, the Danish Prime Minister, will visit Moscow between March 2 and 15, a government spokesman said today.

He will be accompanied by Mr. Julius Borgholm, Minister of Education, and other officials. The resumption of trade between Denmark and the Soviet Union is expected to be the main important subject raised in informal discussions in Moscow during the visit.

Trade negotiations were broken off about 10 months ago when Denmark refused Soviet demands for the full release of Danish ships.

St Laurent Wants Reports On Weapon Deals

Ottawa, Jan. 19.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St Laurent, told the House of Commons today that he had asked all government departments to report to him on outstanding orders for military equipment to be sold abroad.

The Prime Minister did not say why the reports were sought, but in the context of his statement it was indicated orders placed several months ago and not yet filled would be reviewed in the light of the present world situation.

He made the statement during the Commons question period. The government has been under fire to cancel export permits issued last summer for the shipment of World War II Harvard training planes to Egypt.

Following publication of pictures of Harvard aircraft carrying guns and rocket launchers, the Opposition leader, Mr. George Drew, asked the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, if he wanted to amend his earlier statement to the House that he did not believe the Harvards sold to Egypt were capable of carrying arms.

Can Be Done

"I am quite ready to amend and elaborate the statement which I made, speaking as a non-military man," said Mr. Pearson. "Apparently it can be done."

Mr. Drew asked the Defence Minister, Mr. Ralph Campney, whether any steps had been taken by Canada to see that offensive weapons would not be provided Egypt to be mounted on the aircraft.

Mr. Campney said he would have to get the information from his advisers. The pictures showing armed Harvards, he said, were taken "many years ago" and the Harvard was "an armed trainer—never in action."—United Press.

PREMIER DISMISSED

Moscow, Jan. 19. The Premier of Lithuania, Mechislovas Guedvilas, has been dismissed from office, the newspaper Soviet Lithuania said today.

Guedvilas, who had been in office since 1940, was replaced by Motilas Shumavskas, the newspaper said.—France-Press.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION ATTEMPT TO FREE SHIP

Weddell Sea, Jan. 19. THE British Antarctic expedition aboard the sealer Theron is spending most of its time digging and dynamiting in an attempt to free the vessel from surrounding pack ice.

Dr. Vivian Fuchs, leader of the expedition, reports that the ship is in good health. A helicopter from the Theron has been used to transport supplies to the expedition's base on the ice.

Health Hazards From A-Tests Are Insignificant

Evanston, Ill., Jan. 19.

Dr. Willard Libby, a member of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, said today that world-wide health hazards from the present rate of nuclear weapons tests were "insignificant."

Dr. Libby, in a speech at Northwestern University here, was referring specifically to the fall-out during a nuclear test of radioactive strontium, a chemical in the calcium family which is absorbed by humans through the bone structure and by plants and soil.

He said: "Direct fall-out collected on gummed papers, milk and cheese, animal meats and bone and even human bodies has been extensively studied."

"On the basis of the information so obtained it was possible to state unequivocally that nuclear weapons tests as carried out at the present time do not constitute health hazard to the human population in so far as radio-strontium was concerned, and it is believed with good reason that radio-strontium is likely to be the most important of the radioactivities produced."

Every Effort Made

"It is well to note that since radio-strontium is assimilated in the bones it constitutes essentially no genetic hazard because its radiation does not reach the reproductive organization."

Dr. Libby said that the main part of radioactivity from the more powerful nuclear weapons was dissipated into the stratosphere but he admitted that the small portion which fell out within a few hundred miles of a test site was "significant" and constituted a very real hazard.

"Nothing I have said this evening should be interpreted otherwise," he added.

But "the weapons tests are conducted with great attention to dangers and every effort made to protect against misadventure."

Dr. Libby explained that radioactive debris came from two sources. One of these depended on the nature and type of the weapon used and the second on the conditions under which the weapon was fired.

Long-Term

Surface bursts involved the production of a heavy local fall-out as opposed to those fired in the air or under the sea. High yield bursts moreover placed the major part of the bomb debris in the stratosphere where it appeared to reside for about 10 years and then slowly descended to the earth.

Commonly recognized as the greatest long-term danger, was strontium-90. Dr. Libby said that the total yield of radioactive strontium was well below the maximum level considered safe and nature had provided a built-in mechanism which discriminated against its intake in favour of calcium itself.—China Mail Special.

West Pakistan Ministers Elected

Karachi, Jan. 19. Six out of seven provincial ministers of West Pakistan Province were declared elected when results for the 310-member interim legislature of the Province were announced tonight.

The Province was created by a Constituent Assembly act last October when the provinces of the Punjab, Sind, Baluchistan, the Northwest Frontier and states in the western wing of the country were merged.

The members include ten non-Muslims and ten women.

People of the tribal areas for the first time elected representatives to an Assembly through tribal "jirgas" (council of tribal chiefs).—Reuter.

RECOGNITION OF EAST GERMANY

Nehru Not Committing Himself

New Delhi, Jan. 19.

Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru has refused to pledge that his government will never recognise the Communist East German Republic, it was believed here tonight.

India's refusal to deviate from her position of neutrality between the Communist and Western worlds emerged from what was left unsaid in a laconic communique issued today after talks between Mr. Nehru and West Germany's Vice-Premier, Dr. Franz Blucher.

West German sources indicated during the talks that the Government of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer was anxious to obtain an Indian commitment not to recognise the East German Republic.

Innocuous Point

But the unusually brief communique issued today merely made the innocuous point that Mr. Nehru hoped the two parties concerned would reach an agreement on the peaceful unification of Germany.

At the same time, the communique showed that West Germany was not prepared to subscribe to the five principles of co-existence embraced by Mr. Nehru.

The communique disclosed German willingness to go on record for only one of the five principles, non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries.—France-Press.

NO BLANK CHEQUE PEACE WITH RUSSIA

Genoa, Jan. 19. The former Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Katsuo Okasaki, said today that Japan would not sign an unconditional peace with Russia.

In an article published on page one of the Journal de Genoa, Mr. Okasaki said of the current London peace talks: "Regardless of any pressures exercised, Japan is not going to sign a blank cheque—a peace without conditions."

"If Russia wants the negotiations to come to a head, then she must at least favourably respond to two Japanese demands.... repatriation of Japanese prisoners and restitution of the Southern Kuriles and the islands of the Khabarovsk-Kilkanan."

"Neither of these demands involves sacrifice on the part of Russia. The islands are of incalculable value as fishery bases."—United Press.

Millionaire On Trial For Pointing Pistol

Georgetown, Jan. 19. An Indian millionaire legislator, Bhadrase Sagan Neredi, is now on trial by jury in Trinidad for pointing a revolver at a fellow legislator, Rajit Kumar, during a by-election last July.

Kumar is a civil engineer, born in Bombay and educated in London, who settled in the West Indies in 1937.

"Seven prosecution witnesses have already testified against Neredi, who visited Bombay in 1954, the testimony of Trinidad's 150,000-member Hindu community."—France-Press.

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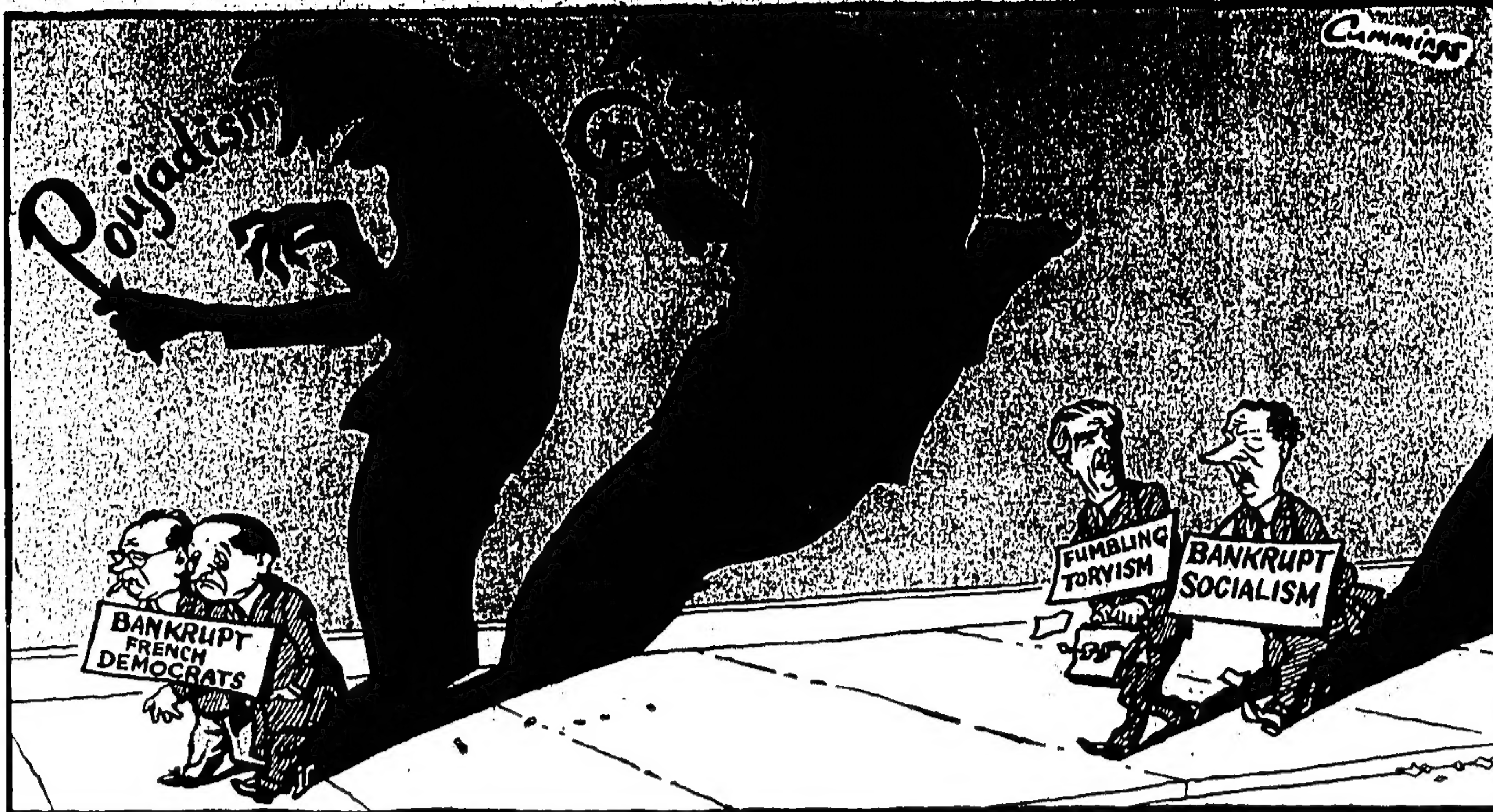
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CHARLIE CHAPLIN PLANS NEW FILM

By LES ARMOUR

A LITTLE man with a downcast look, a battered hat, baggy trousers, shoes of gargantuan dimensions with the soles peeling gently from the uppers, a cane, and, of course, a moustache...

The result is a kind of magic.

Charlie Chaplin is a clown, but more than a clown; he is an idea, but more than an idea.

He has held the affections of the world for half a century, his name is synonymous with gentle laughter, and the tears he has produced would be enough to wash away a cinema.

The explanation is probably to be found in his own life history.

He was born in Kennington on April 16, 1889. Kennington, the grey, soot-stained stretch of London south of the Thames between Lambeth and Brixton, was the perfect backdrop to a Chaplin film.

His inhabitants, hard-working, honest, friendly, were nonetheless the recipients of the custard pies thrown by a boisterous industrial capitalism hell-bent on the acquisition of wealth. Hunger was common in Kennington, and men were often bewildered and sometimes bitter. Yet they retained, as Londoners always have, the essential human dignity and good humour so characteristic of a Chaplin hero.

DISASTER

CHARLIE'S parents were music hall artists who had moments of success and long periods of destitution. They had an act together and Charlie and his older brother, Syd, spent their earliest years in theatre dressing rooms and dreary theatrical lodgings.

Disaster came early with the death of his father. Then his mother became seriously ill. She was taken to hospital and Charlie and his brother were left penniless.

Authorities tried to take them to an orphanage, but Charlie invented a fictitious aunt and, like the little girl in "Modern Times," escaped into the world.

For a time he and his brother wandered the streets, sleeping in the open, stealing fruit from barrels and eating garbage. Then they encountered a carpenter who offered them the shelter of his toolshed. There they slept on the shavings and earned a few pennies carving toys out of blocks of waste wood and selling them to neighbours.

When his mother was released from hospital, she and her three children sat down on a park bench to plan their future. They had no home and approximately sixpence between them.

It was then that Charlie, aged 10, felt as he put it later, "the pain of the stage". He got a job with a troupe called "The Lancashire Lads," and became a successful tap dancer.

After that he got a part playing a page boy in Conan Doyle's "Sherlock Holmes." The producer handed him a script, and Charlie was too shy to admit that he couldn't read. His mother read out the lines to him at home, and he memorised them for the first rehearsal.

For the next eleven years he worked in music halls. Then his chance came. The Fred Kario Comedy Company offered him a job as a leading comedian and he went to New York. His "drunk" act in a show called "A Night in a London Music Hall" won him immediate acclaim. The impression, however, didn't last, and he spent the next two years on the "B" circuit in American vaudeville.

It happened that Mack Sennett, who directed the Keystone Film Company, saw him perform one night. Weeks later, Sennett started thinking about Charlie.

He couldn't remember Charlie's name but he wired a description to a New York agency. After a long search Charlie was found.

UPROARIOUS

HE was signed on at \$25 a week (soon raised to \$125) and he went to Hollywood. Sennett wanted him to become another Keystone Cop.

Charlie said no. He said he wanted to play a tramp—a tramp who suddenly finds himself in a big hotel, lost, forlorn and desperately trying to ingratiate himself into the crowd. Sennett relented. Charlie played the tramp.

And Charlie has gone on playing the tramp ever since.

In 1914 he made the first multi-reel comedy, "Tillie's Punctured Romance." He was promptly offered \$1,000 a week. But he turned it down. He insisted on \$1,075. "The \$75," he explained, "is to live on. The rest is to go into bonds."

This started a fortune. "The Floorwalker," "The Fireman," and "The Pawnshop" followed—gentle, half slapstick.

There is little doubt that the Trampman, now played, were

half essays in pathos and uproariously funny comedies in the ancient tradition. Then in 1917 the First National Exhibitor's Circuit, an organisation founded to exploit his pictures, signed him up for a million dollars.

Charlie produced "The Immigrant," the first of his satires on the American way of life—the beginning of a tradition which was to end in a special Congressional investigation.

"A Dog's Life" followed, and then his early masterpieces, "Shoulder Arms"—the story of the bewildered little man suddenly engulfed by a war he doesn't understand.

The same year, he formed the Charlie Chaplin Film Company to make his own films.

PERSECUTED

AS the years went by there was less slapstick and more satire. Yet Charlie was always careful to keep his heroes human, to avoid the over simplicity of the down-trodden good man in the wicked world.

There is the scene in "The Champion" (1915) in which he goes to a fighter's training camp to look for a job as a sparring partner. As he goes in, he sees a long line of men being carried out on stretchers. He shrugs and slips a horseshoe into his glove. And there are scenes in his films in which he elopes with other men's wives, picks old men's pockets, accosts the world-roaming drunk.

Perhaps the greatest of them all, "Modern Times" (1936) reaches a climax in which Charlie, arrested because he can't pay for his meal, distracts the policeman's attention while he orders himself a fair glass of beer and orders up a stack of candy bars which he deftly distributes to admiring children.

The odds against him are always overwhelming. But half the fun lies in his cunning and amoral dodges to defeat them.

In real life, he has amassed a fortune, been married four

times, been persecuted, prosecuted, hated as well as admired. The bigger the odds against him, the more he has enjoyed life.

His first three marriages almost certainly went on the rocks because few women could live with the Chaplin philosophy of life for long.

Life, to him, has always been a natural sequence of ups and downs in which nothing matters but the eventual triumph of the germ of humanity. Those who pin their faith on something less permanent, but more tangible, are apt to find him incomprehensible.

They are forced to invent something else to explain him.

American Congressmen built him up into a Communist bogey just because, otherwise, they couldn't figure out what he was up to. When he read that Congressmen wondered whether he was a Communist, he wrote them a letter: "Maybe I can help you," he said. "I am not a Communist. I am a peace-monger."

Even that, of course, is not quite true.

MACHINES

NOTHING has ever alarmed the Congressmen so much as "Modern Times"—the satire on Man and the Machine in which great banana skins are deftly placed beneath the Great American Dream as well as the Great American Boss.

But the Congressmen forgot that the satire is an distressing to the Communist as it is to them. In 1936, when a group of Russian commissars first saw it, they were raging mad. Russia, after all, had just set up its first conveyor belts, and their dream, too, was the mechanised society.

Charlie didn't like machines. He still doesn't. He doesn't like them because they constrict humanity. But that was only half the story. Charlie also

thought the spectacle of men trying vainly to keep pace with machines was ludicrously funny. And so it was. That, perhaps, was part of the trouble.

It is true, of course, that he accepted a Stalin Peace Prize—after the Americans threw him out. But what did he do with it? He gave it to the Roman Catholic Abbe Pierre.

Real life has seldom produced a belly laugh to top that one.

Now he lives peacefully in Switzerland with his fourth wife, Oona, daughter of American playwright Eugene O'Neill, and their five children. But he is still at it.

PACIFIST

HE is returning to England to make a new picture. It will be called "The Little King," and it will have "a pacifist plot."

Charlie made his pacifism clear, probably, just to annoy the Congressmen some more. It will almost certainly be as funny as it is biting. And its propaganda? Charlie is certainly a pacifist. But, then, he probably thinks the spectacle of man caught up again in his own machinations is still funny.

And even if you don't like that, there will still be Charlie the composer. Charlie, of course, (the man who plays the piano on the white keys only and the violin left-handed) is writing all the music.

Who will be able to stay away? Even Hitler had to have a private showing of "The Great Dictator" and the Congressmen will probably find themselves sneaking off to see Charlie the pacifist.

Americans Marrying Younger

By JENNIFER JOHNS

Washington. INVITED to the wedding of a close friend last week I was struck by a phenomenon of American life that is so universal here today that—unless one is involved personally—one scarcely notices it. Briefly, this phenomenon is that Americans are marrying younger than ever before.

On this occasion, the groom was a graduate student, the bride a mere college junior—and both were heading back to the university to take up their studies again after their honeymoon.

MARRIED QUARTERS

NOW, however, all that has changed. At colleges throughout the country, packed with students in their earliest teens, it is becoming more and more usual to find brand new buildings set apart as married quarters. And one or two colleges have even gone as far as establishing nurseries and kindergarten where the children can play happily while their parents go hand in hand to the classroom.

Far from being expelled from college, young girls are now considered spinster-bachelors if they aren't on the verge of an engagement before they finish their studies.

In 1890 most American men had made their first marriage vows by the time they were 28. Now the average age is 22, while the average age of their wives is 20. And they are dropping rapidly. Dropping so rapidly, in fact, that more than 70 percent of all American girls between 20 and 24 are now married—and 30 percent of all American girls have had their first children by the time they are 19.

BABY BOOM

IN addition, once Mr and Mrs America Junior have been married there is, so to speak, no stopping them, and whereas the children used to appear on the scene at two intervals most American mothers now have them (thanks to hospital facilities, pre-natal and post-natal care) "as close together as possible."

Not surprisingly this attitude is producing something of a baby boom. During the war an increase in the baby population was put down to the wish of thousands of American mothers to be left at least with a child even if their husbands were killed. This explanation has been proved phoney, for in 1947, when the peak of the war baby boom was long past, a record number of babies were born. And 1952 broke the record again—with 3,824,000 babies born to Americans. Finally, in 1954, the number of babies born reached the all-time record total of 4,000,000.

WORRIED NEPAL MAY BAN HIMALAYAN EXPEDITIONS

From RUSSELL SPURR

New Delhi. NEPAL is threatening—"No more Everest expeditions." Nor any other mountaineering ventures among the icy peaks that hedge off the Gurkha kingdom from Chinese-occupied Tibet.

The reason—the Nepal Government is worried over Red China.

The arrest of the two Welsh climbers, John Harrington and Sidney Wignall, by Chinese troops reviving a dispute Nepal is anxious to avoid.

There is little doubt that the

in Nepalese territory, but on part of the extreme north-western border claimed by the Chinese.

The politicians who run Nepal are not eager, at this stage, to argue. They have enough trouble within the country, racked as it is by political agitation, without risking a clash over a few miles of barren mountain.

It is no good calling for help from Pandit Nehru. That would not sit in with present policies of "non-existence."

India is leaning far backward to prevent any incidents on her border with Tibet. New-pagerman have actually been barred from the disputed

regions" so as not to annoy the Chinese.

Now, as a new appeasement measure, the Nepal Government is preparing to declare its 100-mile Tibetan frontier "out of bounds."

No foreigners will be allowed within two days' trek of Tibet without a special pass. The pass, I am told, will be very hard to get indeed.

That could mean no more attempts on Everest (29,002 feet), on unconquered Kanchenjunga (28,168 feet), the southern slopes of remote Makalu (27,980 feet), as well as a host of minor peaks and glaciers.

The Welsh climbers may indeed have been the last white men to tackle their way up the Himalayan snow-capped peaks.

FOUR TO ONE WIN FOR THAILAND



Group picture of the Thailand and Hongkong teams before the final exhibition badminton match at St. Teresa's Church Hall last night. The visitors ended their tour with a four to one win over the Colony.

Front row, left to right: Chamroen Taetrakul, Sunthorn Suphaphun, Kamol Sutvanit, Direk Khajadhye, W. F. Foo, Jimmy Khoo. Back row left to right: M. A. Ebrahim, Mrs. Rumpal Slobol, Miss Helen Kwong, Diana Yung, Prateong Pattapong, Chan Yuen-yue, Dorothy Lam and Robert Tay. — China Mail Photo.

SPORT LOSES GAME FIGHTER

Nel Tarleton's Own Great Story

Nel Tarleton, who retired from the ring in 1937 as undefeated British Featherweight Boxing Champion, has lost his last fight. He died at his Waterloo, Liverpool, home after a long illness, which he had faced with the same stamina and pluck he had shown in the ring. He would have been 50, and leaves a widow and twin children.

One of Tarleton's last tasks was to correct the proofs of an article he had written on "My Greatest Sporting Thrill." Here is his story, as told to Don Hardisty.

Don't know it at the time, but I was a famous man. I was the only man in the world who had been a champion in two different sports. I was a boxer and a footballer.

MCC Announces Twelve For First Unofficial Test

Lahore, Pakistan, Jan. 19. The MCC today announced 12 names for the first unofficial cricket Test against Pakistan which begins here tomorrow.

They are: D. B. Carr, D. B. Close, P. E. Richardson, M. Tompkin, W. H. H. Sutcliffe, K. Harrington, A. R. Watkin, F. J. Thorne, C. A. R. Lock, H. W. Stephenson, A. E. Moss, P. J. Sansbury.

The team will be selected tomorrow.

The test pitch is unpredictable at the moment because of rain last night, but this morning the clouds had gone and there was brilliant sunshine.

Pakistan's team shows two changes from the Governor-General's eleven which was defeated by the MCC at Karachi. Pace bowler Mahmood Hussain and left-arm spinner Shaukat Ali have been dropped in favour of Maqsood Ahmed and Khulid Aziz. — Reuters.

Pakistan team Abdul Hafeez Khan (Captain), Haqim Mohammad, Alimuddin, Waqar Hussain, Maqsood Ahmed, Imtiaz Ahmed, Wazir Mohammed, Wajid Mathias, Fazal Mahmood, Zulfiqar Iqbal, Khun Mohammed, 12th man will be chosen from among Shaukat Ali, Agha Saadat and Khulid Aziz. — Reuters.

MOTOR SPORTS CLUB FUNCTION

About 50 members of the Hongkong Motor Sports Club yesterday attended a social evening at the British-American Tobacco Co. (H.K.) Ltd., Gloucester Road.

During the evening there was a re-broadcast of Radio Hongkong's commentary on last year's Macao Grand Prix. Films, including some helicopters, were shown.

LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

THAILANDERS LOSE ONE MORE GAME-TAY AGAIN ON THE WINNING END

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Thailand's Unity Badminton Party rounded up their tour of Hongkong by winning the last of the series of three exhibition matches with a resounding four to one victory over a Colony selection side at St. Teresa's Church Hall last night.

Once again the Colony players emerged victors in the Mixed Doubles and hero for the Hongkong side was Robert Tay of the Craigengower Cricket Club. With Miss Dorothy Lam as partner, Tay was always a shade faster than Thailand's Direk Khajadhye and Mrs. Rumpal Slobol.

The Thailanders looked like winning this Mixed Doubles match when they took the opening set at 15-7 in eight minutes' playing time. But the moment the Tay and Dorothy Lam combination clicked they asserted their supremacy by outmanoeuvring the opposition with fast cross court drives by Tay and net interceptions by his partner.

Tay had difficulty in the first set to adjust his play for it was the first time that he partnered Dorothy Lam. However, when the Hongkong combination had warmed up to the fray, there was only one side in the picture and it was the Colony pair.

Tay's cross court drives which landed deep to the back of the court were point scorers. Time and again Tay had Khajadhye on the wrong foot with his courtcraft and with Mrs. Slobol erring at the net this paved the way for the local pair to score as they wished.

HER TRUE FORM

Dorothy Lam, who earlier in the match committed error after error by sending the shuttle out or into the net, struck her true form the second set got under way.

She was at her best at the net and her half court interceptions so baffled Mrs. Slobol that she kept the 'bird' away as much as possible from the Hongkong girl.

Tay's brilliance at the back of the court ripped the Siamese defence to shreds in the second set and before Direk Khajadhye and Mrs. Slobol could pull themselves the set went to the Colony players at 15-9.

The rubber saw Thailand's Khajadhye reeling off four points in a row to a 4-0 lead. Tay took a point with an overhead smash to Khajadhye and a hit out by the Thailander and the score shot by Tay took the drop to 3-4 against Hongkong.

From 4-3, the Thailand pair forged further ahead, mainly through hit outs by Tay who sent three successive shots out of the court, and a net tap into the net by Dorothy Lam gave visitors an 8-3 commanding lead.

At this stage Tay and Dorothy Lam got control of the game. Tay took three quick points with his smashes, while his partner, playing like a jack-in-the-box, tapped to kill all shots that rose a couple of inches too high.

Khajadhye got a gift point when Robert Tay sent the shuttle out of the court, but in the next stroke Hongkong were on even terms. Two mistakes, one by Tay and the other by his partner, put the Thailanders in the lead again at 11-5.

But their lead was short-lived for with his next service Tay, with good support from Dorothy Lam, reeled off the last six points in a row to give Hongkong the only game of the night's five matches.

CURTAIN RAISER

The curtain raiser featuring the Thailand Ladies' Singles Champion, Miss Prateong Pattapong, and the Colony runner-up, Miss Helen Kwong, ended in a double quick time when Miss Pattapong winning at 11-3, 11-3.

This match, which lasted exactly 15 minutes, saw Miss Pattapong ahead on points in the two-set game. In the opening set, the little Thai Miss took leads of 5-2, 8-2 and 10-2 to win at 11-3.

It was lob and drop with an occasional smash thrown in for good measure that had Helen Kwong beaten. Helen could not match the Siamese girl in baseline

lobbing and her inability to reach for the near-the-net drop shots by Miss Pattapong took the wind out of her.

Miss Pattapong took only six minutes to dispose of the Hongkong girl who has just as much experience as the Thailander as far as international badminton is concerned.

With this victory, Miss Pattapong has to her credit three clear wins over the cream of the Colony women players—the first over the Colony reigning Singles Champion, Miss Stella Correa 11-1, 11-1; her second over the Junior Singles Champion, Miss Diana Yung 11-3, 11-0, and her third over Helen Kwong last night.

The Men's Doubles between Thailand's Thomas Cup pair, Kamol Sutvanit and S. Suphaphun, and Hongkong's W. F. Foo and M. A. Ebrahim turned out to be a one-sided affair. Sutvanit and Suphaphun did not really play seriously in the two-set match. There was no necessity for them to exert themselves for the Colony pair was such that they played right into the Thailander's hands by trying to match the opposition in speed, which the Siamese excel at.

Ebrahim did not combine very well with Foo. This Colony combination was so poor that the Thailanders took it as a sort of a stroke-polishing match.

They sent over half court returns purposely just to allow Ebrahim and Foo to smash to their hearts' content.

DEFENSIVE GAME

However hard the local players smashed, Sutvanit and Suphaphun returned each and every smash with deceptive placements that turned a defensive game into an attacking one.

The first set was all over in approximately eight minutes with victory going to the Thailand pair at 15-2. In the next set, Ebrahim and Foo, after trailing 0-10, pulled themselves out of the rot to creep up point by point until they reached nine. This was the best they could do for their opponents took set and match at 15-2, 15-9.

In the Ladies' Doubles, Miss Diana Yung and Miss Diana Chan Yuen-yue bowed out to Thailand's Miss Prateong Pattapong and Mrs. Rumpal Slobol in a match which finished in less than ten minutes' playing time.

It was an erratic Hongkong pair that took to the court and it was sheer nervousness that cost Diana Yung and Chan Yuen-yue the match. Miss Pattapong reeled to an 8-2 early lead in the opening set before conceding a point to the Hongkong pair by smashing out and then two net shots by Mrs. Slobol brought the score to 8-5 in favour of Thailand. The Thai pair then went on to win 15-5.

Crossing over, Miss Pattapong made it 5-0, 7-1, 10-1 and 13-1 and the game was soon over at 15-5, 15-1.

The Men's Singles between Hongkong's Jimmy Khoo and Thailand's Chamroen Taetrakul failed to live up to expectations, Jimmy Khoo was off his form and the only redeeming feature in this match was the close second set struggle where Khoo, after trailing 2-9, brought in his smash to collect four points in a row to reduce the deficit to 9-6 in favour of Taetrakul.

Taetrakul shot ahead to 13-10 and at this stage it was a very tired Jimmy Khoo who, however hard he tried, failed to score any further point to lose set and match at 15-10.

BEST MATCH

Best match of the night was the exhibition doubles game between four Thailanders. It

was THE match of the night. On the one court, was Direk Khajadhye with S. Suphaphun and at the other end there was the non-playing captain, Kinhuat Noonpradee, and Kamol Sutvanit.

This match brought the crowd to their feet as the two crack Siamese pairs displayed doubles play of international standard. Khajadhye and Suphaphun lost the first set at 9-15 but took the next after a long drawn out struggle for points at 17-13.

The Thailanders were content to signal to the referee for a one set each exhibition. The crowd raised not a protest for what they saw was sufficient reward for coming all the way to St. Teresa's Church Hall.

Highlight of this game was the net-skimming shot of the non-playing captain who thrilled spectators with his uncanny judgment. Time and again, Kinhuat Noonpradee literally brought the roof down with his beautiful net play. He drew Khajadhye and his partner to the net and at the last moment gently toppled the shuttle with such accuracy, the 'bird' skimming so close to the net that it was practically impossible to retrieve it.

As if this was not enough to keep spectators amused, Noonpradee brought into play some of his specialities—the behind-the-back returns. This stroke, one of the hardest to perfect, comes only after months of practice and full marks goes to Noonpradee, for he is not only a good doubles player but also he has a smash that would put some of the Colony senior players to shame.

FAST PACE

The pace in this All-Thailanders match was fantastically fast with each pair taking turns in attack and defence. I would rate the Siamese today as the second best doubles-playing badminton nation by virtue of their victories over the reigning All-England Doubles Champions, Denmark's Finn Kobberø and Hans Jørgensen, in exhibition matches played at Bangkok immediately after the last Thomas Cup matches in May, 1955.

At their rate of progress both in singles and doubles play, I will not be surprised at all if the Thai beat India should they clash in the next Thomas Cup series in 1956, 1957.

Even Malays, the holders of the Thomas Cup since its inception in 1948, are aware of Thailand's rapid rise in the badminton world and the outcome of the impending visit by a Thai team to Singapore in May this year will serve as a yardstick as to Thailand's badminton status.

THE RESULTS

Ladies' Singles: Miss Prateong Pattapong (Thailand) beat Miss Helen Kwong (Hongkong) 11-3, 11-3.

Mixed Doubles: Robert Tay and Miss Dorothy Lam (Hongkong) beat Direk Khajadhye and Mrs. Rumpal Slobol (Thailand) 15-9, 15-1.

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THAILAND'S CHAMPION



Thailand's Miss Prateong Pattapong counters with this forehand cross court shot against Hongkong's Miss Helen Kwong in last night's badminton exhibition match at St. Teresa's Church Hall. The Thailand Miss won in straight sets at 11-3, 11-3. — China Mail Photo.

Older Horses Give Sir Gordon More Scope

By JAMES PARK

Sir Gordon Richards is soon off to Switzerland for his usual holiday, and I have no doubt we shall hear of him in keen rivalry with Doug Smith on the curling rink.

Sir Gordon tells me that after his holiday he is looking forward to some hard work.

"I have 28 two-year-olds," he says, "and I shall be disappointed if they don't prove to be as good as they look. All I can say at the moment is that I like them." I am sure the whole racing community will wish him the best of luck.

It would not be fair to judge Sir Gordon on his first season as a trainer. For some time he was just feeling his way, and when he was getting some of them to his liking most of the inmates of the stable fell victims to the coughing epidemic. They got it later than most other stables and it practically finished them for the season.

Sir Gordon won 13 races worth £3554, which could only be described as a moderate start, seeing he had at least 30 in the yard. Training is so far removed from riding that one profession cannot be compared with the other.

I have always thought that when a jockey retires to take up training he must serve another apprenticeship. Sir Gordon will know all the mistakes he made in his early days as an apprentice jockey and much the same sort of thing is bound to happen in his new life.

HINTS FROM AMERICA

To make a success at training, one must have the ability to realise the mistakes and profit by them. Harry Wragg has certainly done that and, during his visits to America, has picked up a lot of hints which he now puts into practice.

One thing he learned is the value of weighing horses and another the timing of gallops. I have no experience of weighing horses, but in countries where it is done regularly it has been proved that a horse is only at his best when he weighs a certain poundage.

This year Sir Gordon will be back at Ogbourne, which is close to his home at Marlborough. He will be occupying the stable where he served his apprenticeship with the late Martin Hartigan and it is sure to bring back happy memories.

There will be more scope for him in 1956. He began with nothing but two-year-olds. He got some moderate older horses from France in the course of the year and has the opportunity to show what he can do as a trainer of stayers with Duennon.

This colt should have a bright four-year-old career, as he is a good stayer. He has been entered for all the important races from a mile and a half upwards.

From the time I saw Duennon win the Clarendon Stakes, another would develop into a genuine stayer. The distance was a mile and five furlongs, but the colt finished so full of running that he could have gone round again.

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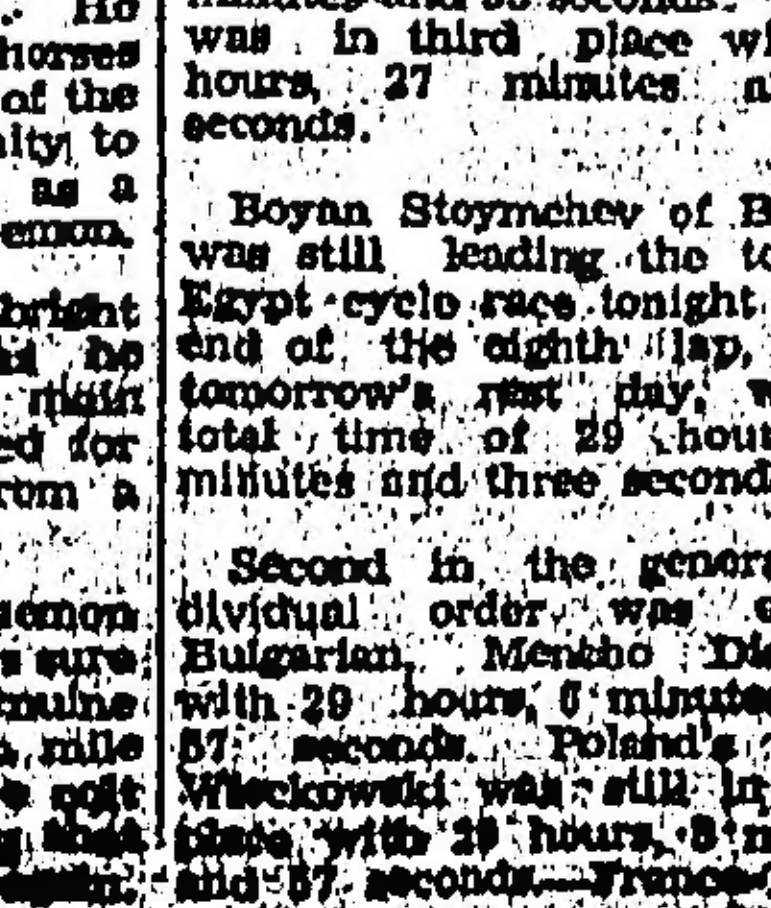
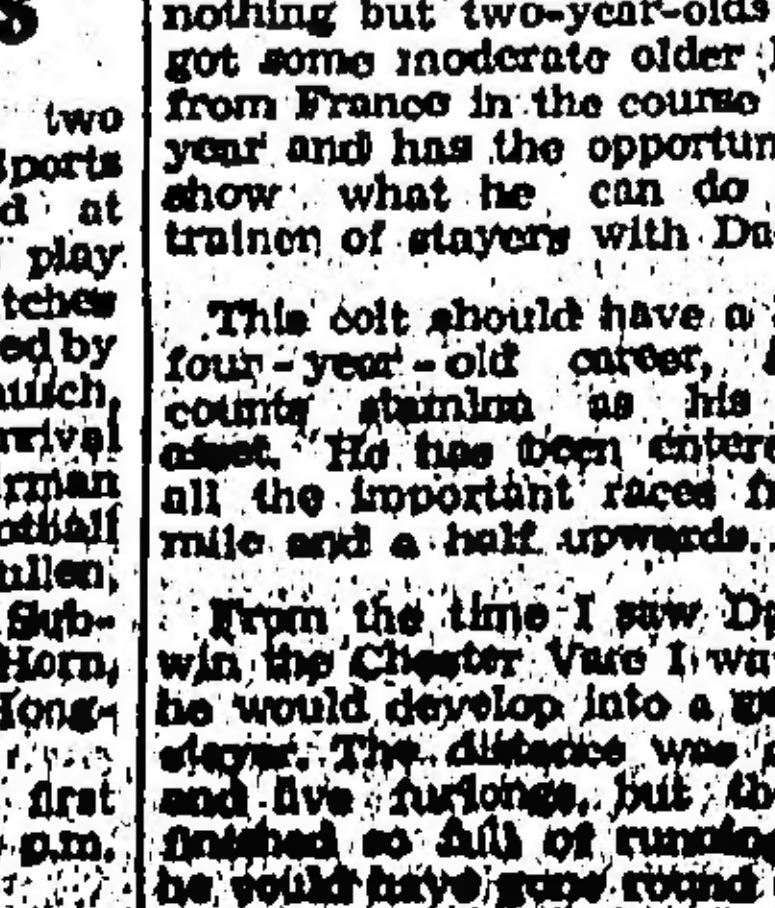
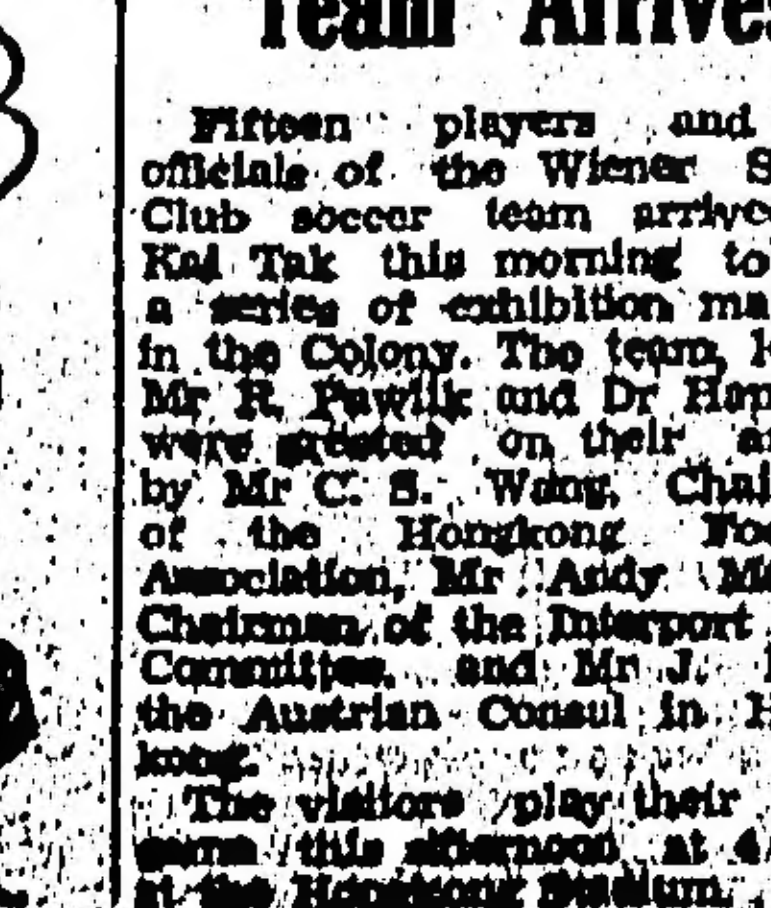
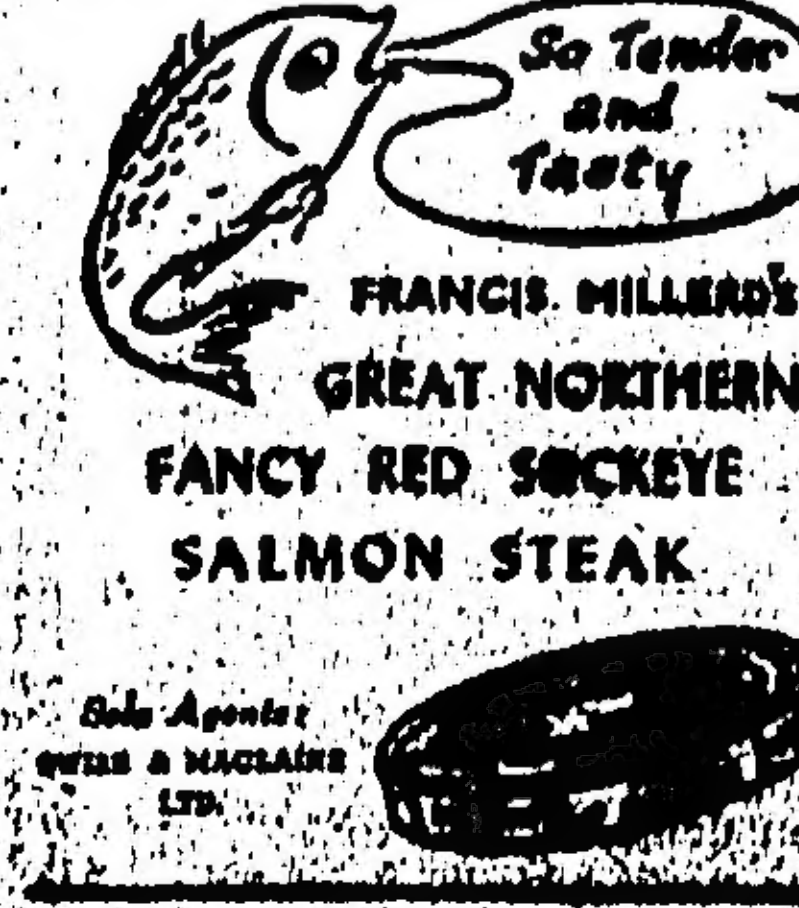
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by Barry Appleby



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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 10th day of March, 1956, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1955, and for the election of Directors and fixing their remuneration and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March to Friday, the 10th of March, 1956, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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Proposal For Bullfight In Football Stadium Causes A Sensation

By Henry Buckley

Madrid, Jan. 19.

The suggestion that a bullfight should be held in Madrid's leading football stadium caused a sensation among both football fans and the "aficionados" of the bullfight as the 1955 bull season closed here.

The suggestion was that the great capacity of the Bernabeu stadium, which holds 120,000 spectators compared with the Monumental Bull Ring's 20,000, should be used for the first appearance in Madrid of Chamaco, the 20-year-old "wonder boy" of the Spanish bull rings.

Neither group liked the idea. The football fans feared that the stadium would not be more than one-quarter full, even if the bull fans in Madrid turned up.

The "aficionados" of the bulls shuddered with horror at the idea of a "corrida" in a football field. They even turned up some last century legislation concerning the location of bullfights which, they claimed, made such a spectacle impossible.

For Tourists

So it seems as if Chamaco, when he does appear in Madrid, will have to be content with the Monumental Bull Ring.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a ship's name

I, R. Reiertsen of Waller Shipping Co., Ltd., of Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of company policy I have applied to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Steamship "CHUNSAUNG" of HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 191458, Gross tonnage 2795.05 tons Register tonnage 1519.93 tons, heretofore owned by The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., of Hong Kong, for permission to change her name to "NEGOBLA" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by Waller Shipping Co., Ltd.

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DATED at HONG KONG the 19th day of January, 1956.

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CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES
Hong Kong, 20th January, 1956.

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Superintendent's Office
Hong Kong, 20th January, 1956.

The enthusiasm among foreign tourists for the bullfight is generally believed to account for the increase of bullfights held in Spain during 1955.

There were 693 fights during 1955, as against 695 in 1954 and 553 in 1953.

The 693 fights were divided up into 211 "corridos," or first class fights, and 482 "novilladas," or second grade events.

The bullfight critic of the newspaper "Yo," writes: "Foreign visitors saved the season from the financial point of view." Several Americans tried to make the grade as matadors in 1955 but the only one who stood out was 23-year-old Porter Tuck from Haverhill, Massachusetts, who was praised by the Spanish press for his courage and style in the ring. He suffered a terrible goring in Valencia in September and spent many weeks in hospital.

Dull Season

Porter Tuck fights under the title of "El Rubio de Boston" (The Fair-haired Boy from Boston) and he is a pupil of that veteran matador from Brooklyn, Sidney Franklin.

Otherwise, it was a dull season with the record for most fights by a junior bullfighter (novillero) being taken by Antonio Borrero, who fights under the name of Chamaco, who had 69 fights, mostly in Barcelona, the city which he has taken to his heart. Barcelona worships him and women throw armfuls of flowers into the ring to him. But he has had less success in the other Spanish towns in which he has fought.

Among the full-fledged matadors, most fights were fought by Chicuelo II, with 67. The former "wonder boy" of the ring, Miguel Baez, better known as El Litri, staged a come-back this year, but he only fought 21 fights and his return created no sensation. Litri electrified fans in his first year in the ring, 1949, when he was nineteen. He made a fortune and retired, at the age of 22, in 1952.

Weaknesses

In spite of Government regulations to prevent the sawing off of the tips of horns, a recent pamphlet by a bullfight authority, Dr. Arbarquero, indicates that there is still much abuse of this direction.

One reason for the weakness shown by many bulls in the ring today, he suggests, is a faulty diet. He also mentions drug-ging, purging, beating-up and other maltreatment of the bull.

Crowds Thrilled

All who frequent bullfights know that the daring tricks of some present-day fighters, who lean their elbows on the bull's head or kneel down with their back to the bull and such-like things, can, generally speaking, only be done with safety when the bull lacks power and vitality which is normal in a well-bred fighting bull.

But the crowds love to be thrilled by these circus tricks. And in bullfighting, as in most other forms of entertainment, the crowd gets what it wants—China Mail Special.

Tanks Delivered To West German Army

Andernach, Jan. 19.—The first heavy tanks are to be supplied to the new West German Army, including two tanks, arrived at the Andernach Infantry training centre, in the Rhineland Palatinate, today. The tanks were of the M-47 type.

The other equipment consisted of two howitzers, two machine-guns and a trailer for heavy loads.

The convoy came from the American depot at Landstuhl from where 23 other M-47 tanks will be delivered during the next few days—France Press.

Bullfight In Football Stadium

Economists Visit Commons



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By Air
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Korea, 6 p.m.
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Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
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By Surface
Malaya, India, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kuming, 10 a.m.
France, 10 a.m.

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 11 a.m.
Indo-China, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia & New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
N. Borneo, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Hawaii, 4 p.m.
Formosa, 4 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, P.E. Adm., S. Africa, N. & S. Rhodesia & Mozambique, 4 p.m.
Marquesas, 5 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
By Air
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Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.

A party of experts from overseas currently taking part in a British Council-arranged course of Problems of Economic Development paid a visit to the Houses of Parliament. Their escort was Mr. John Barber, himself a Member of Parliament. Mr. Barber is pictured here pointing out an item of interest to the group, whose members come from Afghanistan, Argentina, Burma, Ceylon, Ethiopia, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Pakistan, Philippines and Thailand.—Express Photo.

Indian Insurance Nationalised

New Delhi, Jan. 19. Finance Minister Chintaman Deshmukh tonight announced the nationalisation of life insurance in India.

He said the move was an interim measure prior to the nationalisation of all forms of insurance.—France Press.

Persian Security Chiefs Determined To Safeguard Stability

SWIFT BLOWS AT TERRORISTS

Teheran, Jan. 19

The swiftness with which Persian security authorities struck at members of the terrorist Fadayan Islam organisation in December demonstrates that the Government is determined to safeguard Persia's hard-won stability at all costs.

The roundup also serves as a warning to any other group which may feel tempted to use violence as a means of achieving its aims. It is especially noteworthy in view of the Persian elections, which are due to take place in February and will last several weeks.

The Fadayan Islam (Devotees of Islam) organisation is accused of having organised the attempt on the life of the Prime Minister, Mr. Hosain Ala, in a Teheran Mosque in November.

ESCAPED BEFORE

It has also been responsible for the assassination of two radical newspaper editors and two former Prime Ministers as well as the wounding of Mr. Hosain Fatemi who became Foreign Minister under Dr. Mohammad Mossadeq.

In the past, for political reasons, the group has escaped severe punishment although its leader, Navab Safavi, suffered banishment twice. But this time 15 leaders of the group, including Safavi himself, are in prison awaiting trial on charges of having conspired to overthrow the Government and Monarchy. The penalty for conviction of this crime is death.

It now seems that the charmed life led by this group for the past 10 years is ended and that they will be treated as ordinary criminals.

CONGRATULATED

The change is a violent one, and possibly, for members of the group themselves, a confusing one. When they carried out the

assassination of General Ali Razmara, the then Prime Minister, in 1951, in the name of the "Islamic Revolution," they were hailed as heroes.

The actual assassin, Habib Tamassebi, was pardoned by the Majlis (parliament) of the day for having rid the country of a "traitor." General Razmara was regarded by pro-Mossadeq factions in those days as a traitor because he opposed immediate oil nationalisation on the grounds of its impracticability. Thus for an act which is now admitted by many politicians to have been courageous and far-seeing, he was murdered, and his murderer was congratulated.

Today, Tamassebi is one of the Fadayan Islamists held in prison awaiting trial on a capital charge.

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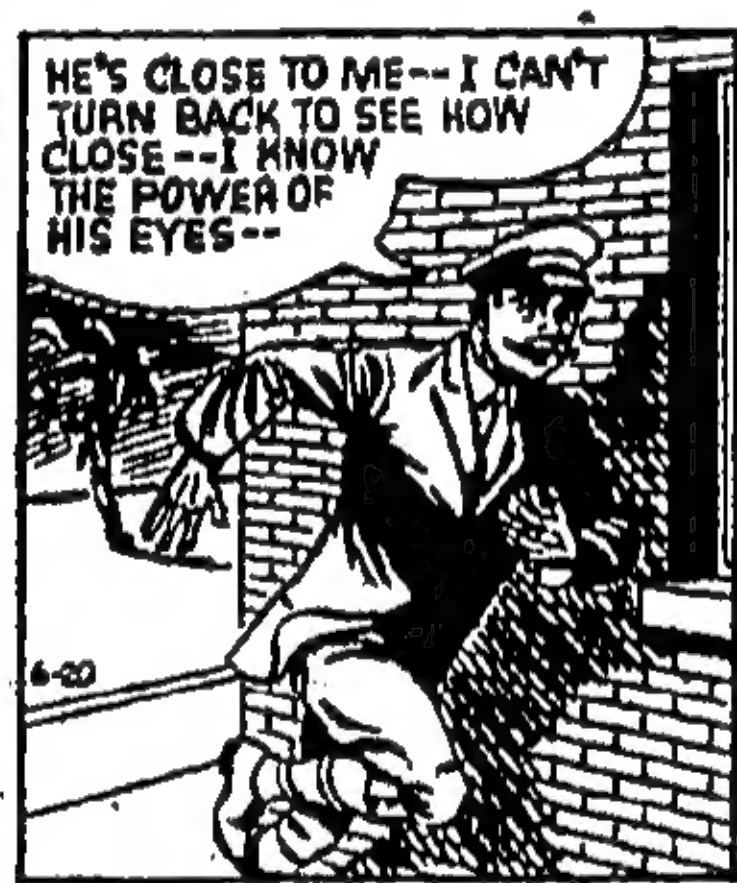
Since the overthrow of Dr. Mossadeq as Prime Minister in August 1953, and the discovery of a Communist plot involving 600 army officers in August 1954, the rulers of Persia have hardened in their attitude towards political criminals.

Persia's future is now linked firmly with the Western camp and the harsh tone adopted by the authorities makes it plain that this future holds no place for fanatical religious groups such as the Fadayan Islam.

Major-General Hossein Azamdeh, the army prosecutor, declared in December: "The Fadayan Islamists are a group of traitors and assassins. Safavi, their leader, is a swindler. He cheats everyone both inside the country and outside."—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



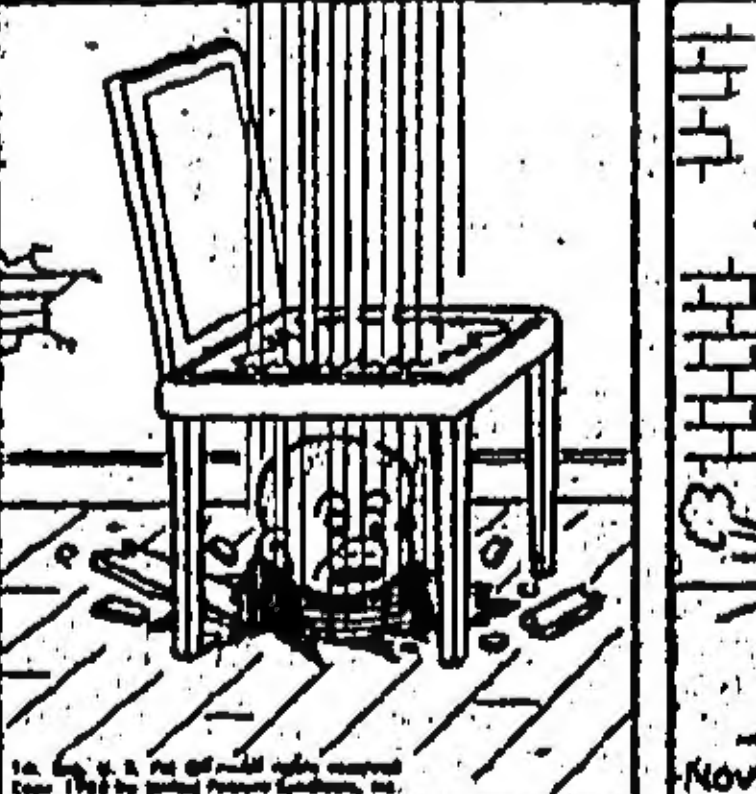
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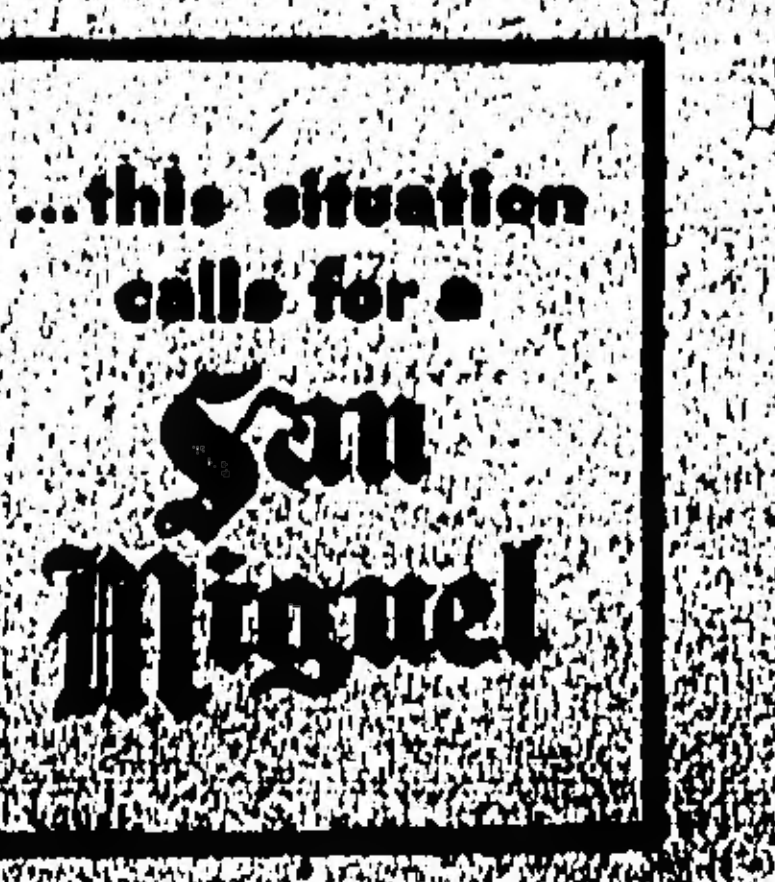
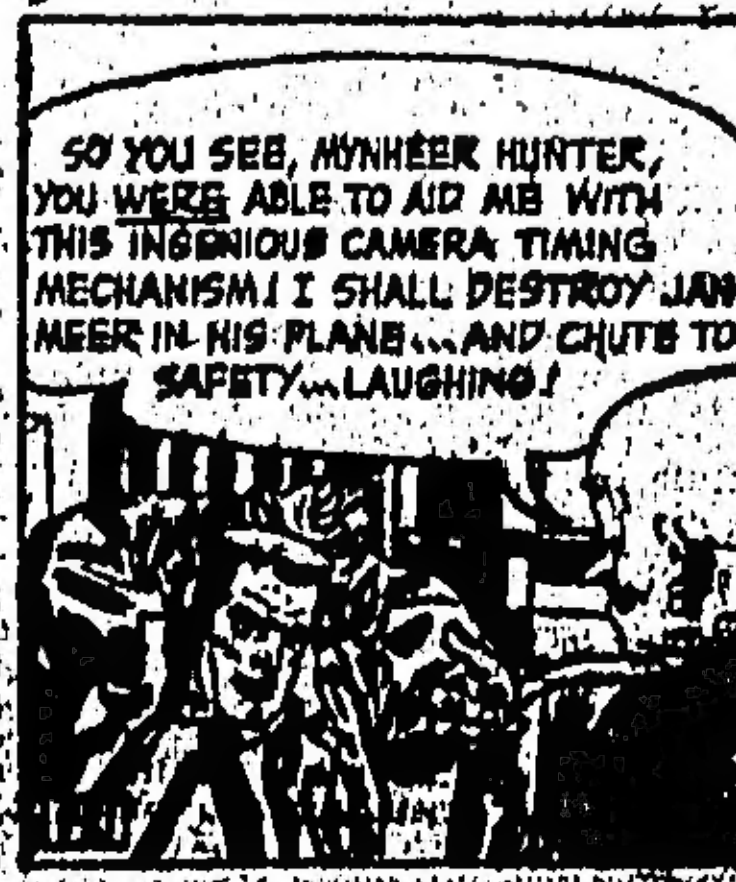
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Within A Stone's Throw

IT was a kind of mournful anniversary. A stone's throw from where Jim stood, in Oxford Street, were the brightly lit windows of the shop where, for five weeks, he had worked as a porter, until his dismissal, exactly two years ago.

Bitter memories thudded like punches into Jim's mind. The interview with his employers, "Work not up to standard," too often absent. I've sent your cards.

"Then give me the money that's due to me," Jim had cried. But he had already been given all that was due to him. Blind fury had boiled up in Jim then. He stormed from the shop, found a half-brick on the sidewalk, and hurled it with all his might at the window of the shop he had just left.

THREE MONTHS

AT Great Marlborough Street, Jim was ordered to pay £10, and was given into the hands of Mr. Charles Morgan, the probation officer who tried to help him with advice, and tried to make him see he had no real grounds for complaint against his former employer.

Jim, a lean, bald man, seemed to see the sense of what he was told. But six months later, he rediscovered his old fury, and found a brick again, and smashed another window. At Marlborough Street he was bound over to be of good behaviour for the next 12 months.

Now, he stood once more within a stone's throw of the window. And in his hand, Jim held a stone. He threw it at the old familiar target.

NO CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT

THE parts of London courts administer has changed since Jim first gave vent to his fury. This time it was to Clerkwell that he was brought, and there that he pleaded guilty to doing wilful damage to the window to the tune of £6 10s.

The police told the story to Mr. Frank Powell, then Jim's one-time employer went into the witness-box.

"Tell me," the magistrate said to him. "Did this man ever take out a summons for the wages he thought were due to him?"

"No, sir, never," said the manager of the shop in Oxford Street. "The probation officer at Marlborough Street did go into the case very thoroughly, and said he was quite satisfied that this man had no real cause for complaint."

ANGER RETURNS

HE was told that he could go to any magistrate's court and obtain a summons. "Look," Jim interrupted. "It was supposed to be a week's notice either side, then when I was taken queer, they only sent me two days' money. Then I went to see him, and he said 'Get Out.' That's what he said, 'Get Out.'"

His anger was as hot as it had been, as if it had been kept, all the two years, sealed in a vacuum flask of wonderful efficiency.

"But why didn't you take out a summons, instead of smashing windows like this?" the magistrate asked.

Jim, with a gesture, threw that idea overboard. "Two days' money," he said. "That's what they gave me, two days' money, and it was a week's notice either side."

"You must go to prison for 14 days," said the magistrate. Jim said nothing, seemed neither pleased nor displeased. But the fury had gone out of him—for the moment—and his anger was spent. As all anti-versaries must, this one had ended.

GOLD STOLEN FROM TRUCK

Geneva, Jan. 19. A gold shipment worth \$278,000 was stolen yesterday when the driver of a truck carrying the precious cargo left it unguarded on a street.

A police spokesman said today the gold truck was en route to a local bank, with the driver as the sole occupant. It was not established immediately why the driver left the 880 pounds of gold unguarded. —United Press.

Japan To Be Told Of Safety Arrangements For H-Weapons Test

Washington, Jan. 20. The United States will give Japan advance information about safety arrangements for the hydrogen weapons tests to be held in the Pacific next Spring, informed diplomatic sources said today.

This exchange is designed as a precaution against a repetition of the 1954 incident when the 23-man crew of the Japanese fishing boat *Fortunate Dragon* were poisoned by radioactive fallout from the explosion of an American hydrogen weapon in the Marshall Islands. One of the crew died some months later.

Heater also learned that the State Department, in conjunction with the Atomic Energy Commission, told the Japanese government about intentions to stage the 1956 series of thermonuclear tests prior to the public announcement last Thursday.

Subsequently Japanese representatives asked the United States government to agree to give further information about safety precautions nearer the time of the test.

The United States response was to agree to keep Japan "fully informed" about such things as the size of the danger area in the coming tests and the critical time before and after the explosions when the area should be vacated.

In the 1954 test the United States exploded a thermonuclear device which produced an explosion estimated between 14 megatons and 18 megatons (equivalent to the explosion of 14 to 18 million tons of TNT). The deadly "fallout" of particles sucked up into the atomic fireball caused danger up to 200 miles away from the seat of the detonation.

FOR SAFETY'S SAKE

Although the Atomic Energy Commission has said that the maximum 1956 explosion will be considerably less than the 1954 test, informed diplomatic sources believe that for safety's sake the danger zone will be declared up to a radius of 200 miles from the test site at Eniwetok.

Japan would like to send an observer to the coming tests but it was understood this had not been formally made known in Washington.

Japanese officials here express the view that if the test series does serious damage to Japan's fishing interests in the Marshall Islands, Japan can seek compensation from the United States either on a government to government basis or through the International Court.

JAPAN VISIT

The sailing is strengthening in Washington that Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, will visit Japan after the SEATO Council meeting to be held in Karachi on March 6.

Mr. Sadao Iguchi, the Japanese Ambassador in a visit to the State Department last week, let Mr. Dulles know that he would be welcomed by Tokyo and sought information about the Secretary's plans.

It was learned today that while Mr. Dulles could give no firm answer whether he could extend his itinerary beyond planned visits to India, Burma and Indonesia, Mr. Iguchi left with the impression that Mr. Dulles wanted talks with Japan's leaders and would make the journey if it were possible.

Japanese diplomats here are also increasing their activity in the far seal conference with representatives of the United States, the Soviet Union and Canada.

The talks have become virtually deadlocked on the question of agreement on pelagic sealing—killing seals in the water—in addition to land sealing. Japan has been seeking agreement from the other powers to regulate pelagic sealing but has been making no headway.

Before the next meeting in two weeks' time the Japanese officials intend to find out through lobbying whether the talks might be usefully continued. —Reuter.

Police Chief An Escaped Convict

Cherokee, Jan. 19. A new police chief who had built up a three-month record of good law enforcement was revealed today as an escaped Alabama convict who also was wanted on several criminal charges.

The local authorities were stunned. They said Chief John Edmund Burton had done a "dam good job."

Mayor John Henry Morgan, who had approved hiring Burton, said, "We were very well satisfied with Burton's work."

Cherokee is a town of about 1,000 persons located near the corner of the State where Alabama and Mississippi join Tennessee.

A deputy fire marshal, John Hooper, said Burton's arrest came as the result of a State investigation into a house fire in Jasper, Alabama, in which a man was fatally burned. The investigation into a house fire in Jasper, Alabama, in which a man was fatally burned. The investigation into a house fire in Jasper, Alabama, in which a man was fatally burned.

ESCAPED IN 1952

Officials at Kilby State Prison in Montgomery said Burton escaped on February 10, 1952, after serving less than a month sentence for petty larceny.

They said, however, that they "understand" Burton would be questioned in connection with the fire and fire death and that he was also wanted by Detroit, Michigan, police for grand larceny.

It was also reported that the Mississippi authorities want to question the escaped convict in connection with a case there. Burton was picked up quickly yesterday by the State authorities and whisked away to Jasper. —United Press.

Security Risks Eliminated

Washington, Jan. 19. The Attorney-General, Mr. Herbert Brownell Jr., said today that the use of "informers" had been eliminated, "as far as humanly possible," all security risks from the government.

He said there was "no other way" to get to the "root" of the Communist conspiracy in this country except through the use of former Party members or Federal Bureau of Investigation infiltrators.

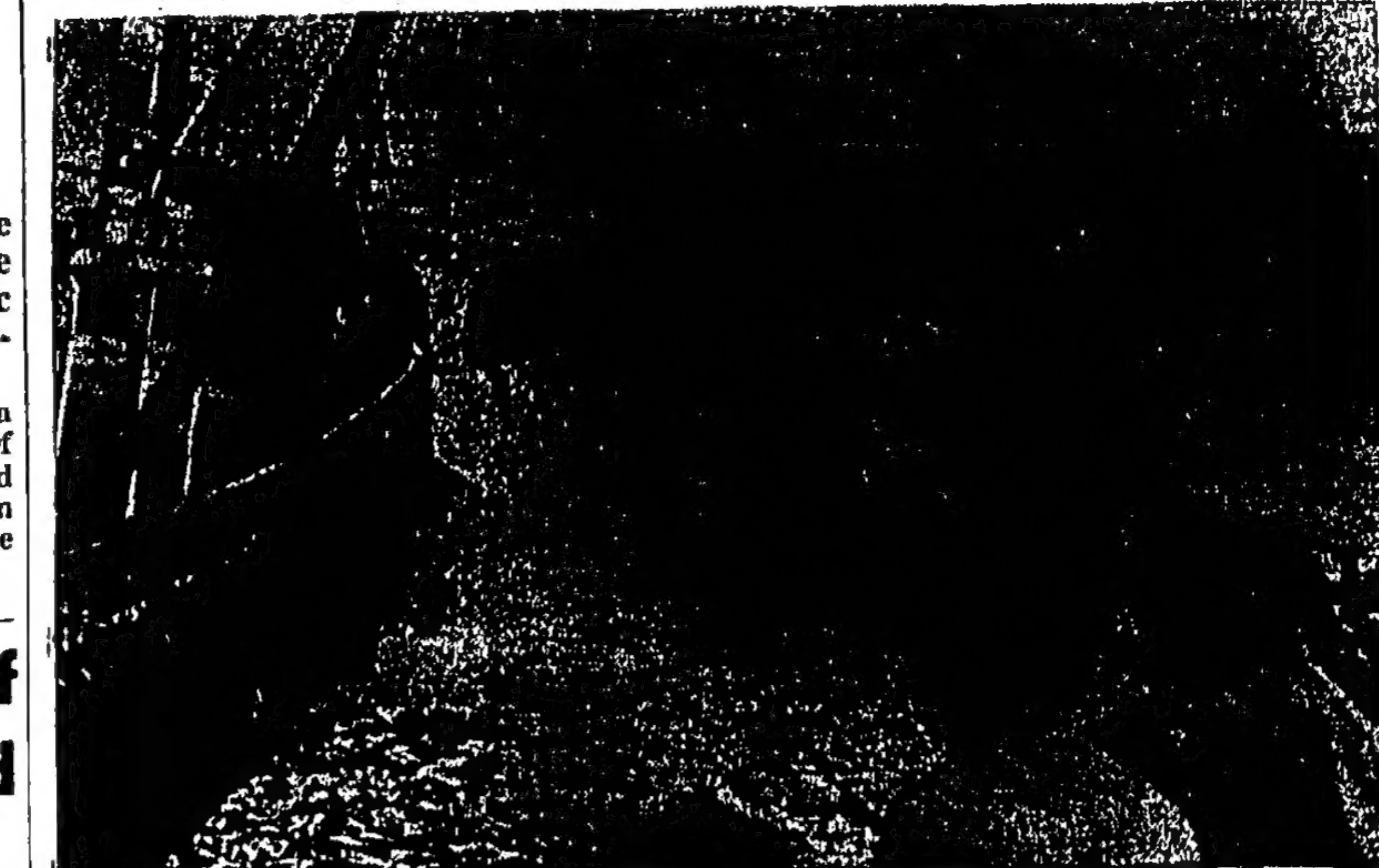
Mr. Brownell told the Women's Forum on National Security that during the past three years the administration had "reviewed everyone" holding a sensitive government job. The programme was "so successful," he said, "that we can say that so far as humanly possible we have eliminated from the ranks of government employment all security risks."

—United Press.

MURDER CHARGE

Toronto, Jan. 19. Toronto Police tonight charged 23-year-old Robert Fitts with the murder of 13-year-old Linda Lamphair. The child was strangled in Toronto last night and then criminally assaulted. —United Press.

Fish So Thick You Can Walk On 'Em!



Last week was a record one for the Norwegian fishing industry, when the off-shore waters were teeming with herring that seemed begging to be caught. All the fishermen had to do, as the picture shows, was scoop the fish up with baskets. They had a busy time. —London Express.

Malaya: Real Talks Start Today

London, Jan. 20. The jigsaw pattern of the future independent Malaya may start taking shape at the London conference today.

The British and Malayan ministers achieved nothing yesterday beyond making up their minds about procedure and dividing themselves into committees which will decide to what extent internal defence and security, finance and civil service can be used as smooth running channels for the transfer of power.

Tengku Abdul Rahman, the 32-year-old Chief Minister, wants to pass to complete independence in two moves. His first move (self-government) is covered by the three committees, with a fourth committee dealing with the proposal to appoint an independent Commonwealth commission to rewrite the constitution.

The Malayan delegation have been putting in an endless amount of time running through their proposals again and again, item by item, reaching complete agreement on principles and discussing how the principles are to be implemented.

A cocktail party given by Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, last night was described as a very happy augury for the outcome of the conference.

Many of the top officials of the Foreign Office as well as the Colonial Office were present.

PURPOSEFUL

Today's work in the committees will be concentrated and purposeful. In the words of one of the delegates, "there will be a lot of work for a long time to come."

There will be no more plenary sessions until one of the committees has some substantial and debatable progress to report, and no more communiques until there has been a plenary session. —Reuter.

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Rangers of Scotland (Recorded); 8.00, News; 8.15, Take It From Here, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards with Wallace Eaton; 8.30, News; 8.45, Letter from America (Recorded); 9.00, News; 9.15, Time Signal; 9.30, Classical Requests presented by Elizabeth Decker (Recorded); 9.45, News; 10.00, News; 10.15, News; 10.30, News; 10.45, News; 11.00, News; 11.15, News; 11.30, News; 11.45, News; 12.00, News; 12.15, News; 12.30, News; 12.45, News; 1.00, News; 1.15, News; 1.30, News; 1.45, News; 2.00, News; 2.15, News; 2.30, News; 2.45, News; 3.00, News; 3.15, News; 3.30, News; 3.45, News; 4.00, News; 4.15, News; 4.30, News; 4.45, News; 5.00, News; 5.15, News; 5.30, News; 5.45, News; 6.00, News; 6.15, News; 6.30, News; 6.45, News; 7.00, News; 7.15, News; 7.30, News; 7.45, News; 8.00, News; 8.15, News; 8.30, News; 8.45, News; 9.00, News; 9.15, News; 9.30, News; 9.45, News; 10.00, News; 10.15, News; 10.30, News; 10.45, News; 11.00, News; 11.15, News; 11.30, News; 11.45, News; 12.00, News; 12.15, News; 12.30, News; 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